June 22, 1964

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
Woodland,
Wisconsin

Dear Father Becker:

This letter is to inform you that you are herewith appointed curate at Holy Assumption Parish, West Allis, effective Wednesday, July 1st. You will kindly report on that date to the pastor, Father Rose.

Under separate cover you will receive a signed copy of the Faculties of the Archdiocese.

May I again assure you that you are always most welcome to discuss any of your problems with me.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings in your priestly work, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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February 21, 1972

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Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53213

Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Associate Pastor at St. John de Nepomuc parish, Milwaukee, and appoint you Associate Pastor at Holy Family parish, Whitefish Bay, effective February 25, 1972. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father Harold J. Ide.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings, I am

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

June 14, 1974

Reverend Franklyn W. Becker ✓
Holy Family Parish
[redacted]
Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin 53217

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Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Associate Pastor at Holy Family parish, Whitefish Bay, and appoint you Associate Pastor at St. William parish, Waukesha, effective June 18, 1974. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father Donald F. Quartana.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings, I am

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

St. William's Rectory
[redacted]
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186
August 15, 1974

The Rev. Robert G. Sampon
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
345 North Ninety Fifth Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Father Sampon,

I am writing to you in response to the August 13th letter I received from the Due Process Office. I understand that you received a copy of the communication and according to the letter the matter is now back in your hands.

I would take issue with several of the statements of the Fact Finding Committee which I will proceed to enumerate.

#1 I was not given a choice as to whether I was to remain at St. John de Nepomuc after the rehabilitation of [redacted] That was a bilateral decision between the Personnel Board and a counselor at De Paul Rehabilitation Center.

#2 My departure was made known before the fact and was a bilateral decision (Fr. Frank Wirz of the Bethlehem Fathers being the second party). He had previously discussed his part in the matter with Fr. Don Reiff then serving on the Personnel Board. Our decision was printed in the Sunday Bulletin at St. John's prior to our departure.

#3 Some parishes pay their employees on the 1st of the month, some on the 15th, some at the end of the month. If there is a standardized procedure now, there was not in 1970 and I was informed that the reason why a first of the month payment was to be observed was to insure a salary payment if and when a man was transferred during the month.

#4 The date of February 14th was chosen since I was entitled to vacation time. The Board was informed where I could be reached during that time and I was in direct communication with them.

#5 The help-out assignment at Rubicon was as a favor to the Board. I was not informed that this was in lieu of a salary payment.

#6 My assignment to Holy Family was not the most desirable assignment and I doubt whether too many priests were fighting to go there in view of the newspaper publicity. For the record I did not choose to leave there in June of this year, but again that was a decision unilateral made to pacify the current pastor.

In conclusion I am seeking an equitable financial settlement at this time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

St. William's Rectory
[redacted]
Waukesha, Wisconsin
December 11, 1974

Rev. Robert G. Sampon
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
345 N. 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Father Sampon:

This is to inform you that I will be leaving my assignment at St. William's with the permission of Archbishop Cousins and the Personnel Board on December 26, 1974.

From January 2-6 I will be attending a Seminar on Campus Ministry at Barry College, Miami, Florida.

On January 10, 1975 I will assume my new assignment as Catholic Chaplain at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia. This assignment will terminate by contract on August 1, 1976 and is renewable.

As suggested by you on the phone I would like to remain in the Pension Plan and the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee joining the group of priests presently working outside of the diocese.

My immediate superior will be Rev. John H. McDonnell, Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling, West Virginia.

Please forward all mailings to me at my new address after December 26, 1974.

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
Catholic Community
Marshall University
Huntington, West Virginia 25703

Phone: Area Code #[redacted]

Wishing you a happy holiday season and a blessed New Year I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Lyn

(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

July 16, 1976

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His Eminence
John Joseph Cardinal Carberry
4445 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63108

Your Eminence,

Father Franklyn W. Becker is a priest of this Archdiocese in good standing. He has been interested in campus Ministry, almost to the exclusion of other assignment. As a result, I gave him leave to accept a position in Campus Ministry in the Catholic Community of Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia.

To the best of my knowledge he has served well, but his contract terminates as of August 1, 1976. No Campus Ministry vacancy is open in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and Father Becker now seeks permission to join the Campus Ministry team at St. Louis University under the direction of Father Neal McDermott, O.P.

This letter will serve as permission for him to accept this position if it meets with your approval and the conditions you set down for such extra-archdiocesan service are met.

With the warmest of personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CC: Father Neal McDermott, O.P.
Father Franklyn W. Becker
Personnel Board

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SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

CAMPUS MINISTRY

BUSCH MEMORIAL CENTER
20 NORTH GRAND BOULEVARD
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103

October 28, 1976

Most Reverend William E. Cousins, D.D.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226

Your Excellency:

I am writing to you as the Ordinary for Father Franklyn Becker to inform you that I have asked for Father Becker's resignation from the Department of Campus Ministry at Saint Louis University.

Father Becker came to work at Saint Louis University under certain restrictions and with clear directives as to his job. I explicitly cautioned him against relating to homosexuals as he had previously. We do not accept or permit the moral liberalism espoused by the homosexual group called "Dignity." Father Becker has celebrated Mass for this group in his apartment and has encouraged practicing homosexuals to attend services at the University. He also maintains that these men may receive the sacraments without regard to the present moral teaching of the church.

Since his arrival Father Becker has been a difficult person to work with. He does not accept authority, prefers to go his own way, and is not responsive in his reporting on a weekly basis as he is required to do. He has attributed remarks to the Campus Ministry team to support his own distorted views and has lost acceptability with all of us here.

I personally think that Father Becker is not a malicious priest, but is misguided and intellectually shallow and naive. He does not seem to have any insight as to why he must not continue here. He really believes that I have over reacted. This decision was a unanimous decision of the Campus Ministry team in consultation with the President of the University. I have given Father Becker the option to leave on the ground that he would like to be closer to his mother who is aged.

If there are any further comments or discussion on this matter, I will be most happy to talk to you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Neal W. McDermott, O.P.

(Rev.) Neal W. McDermott, O.P.
Director

ADOM025672

February 9, 1977

The Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor - Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Monsignor Rawden,

With Father Sampon not being available for a couple of weeks, the Vice-Chancellor has forwarded your February 1st letter to the Personnel Board Office. This response is made in an attempt to honestly respond to you in a way that will allow you to make a next step concerning Father Franklyn W. Becker.

Father Becker was ordained over twelve years ago. During this time, he has been an Associate Pastor in four places. A little over two years ago, he requested permission from Archbishop Cousins to seek involvement in Campus Ministry in some place other than the Milwaukee area. Following such permission, he has served at Marshall University and St. Louis University. With the continuing blessing of the Archbishop to pursue another location, he has come to you.

The willingness of Father Becker to serve as a campus minister in this Archdiocese has been expressed by him. Up until now and for the foreseeable future, there does not seem to be a situation calling for his being accepted; therefore, to evaluate the level of his performance, you might be served well in your decision to consult with the two colleges mentioned before, since he has only served in a parish here.

Should such investigation continue your interest in his being released, you could almost presume permission be granted to facilitate his coming to Los Angeles. Should that step be completed, a recontact of Father Sampon, who is being sent a carbon copy of this letter, could negotiate the permission requested.

In conclusion, please find the specifics of Father Becker's previous location:

Catholic Community at Marshall University
1673 Fifth Avenue
Huntington, West Virginia 25703

(304) 525-4618

Busch Memorial Center
20 North Grand Boulevard
Saint Louis, Missouri 63103

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend John J. Waldbauer,
Executive Secretary
Priests' Personnel Board

CC: Reverend Robert G. Sampon

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Bob,
Welcome back!
Hope you had a good time —
John

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
1531 WEST NINTH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015
388-8101

February 1, 1977

Reverend Robert G. Sampson
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
P. O. box 2018
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Bob:

Yesterday, Father Franklyn W. Becker, an incardinated priest of your jurisdiction, was interviewed by us.

Father Becker indicated his desire to perform his apostolic ministry in Los Angeles. He seemed interested primarily in Campus Ministry work.

Could I impose upon you to send a confidential letter of your estimation of his priestly character and, if you so desire, a letter of permission for him to work in the diocese of Los Angeles.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

John A. Rawden

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

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cc Rev. Patrick Thompson, Newman Director

May 27, 1977

COPY

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker ✓
[redacted]
Woodland, Wisconsin 53099

Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position of Awaiting Assignment, and release you to work outside the Diocese, effective June 14, 1977.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
1531 WEST NINTH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015
388-8101

February 22, 1977

Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Woodland, Wisconsin 53099

Dear Father Becker:

After due consideration, His Eminence, Cardinal Manning, has decided that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles should decline the offer of your priestly services.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

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blind copy - Rev. Robert G. Sampon, Chancellor, Milwaukee ✓
Rev. Patrick Thompson

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[redacted]
Woodland, Wisc.
53099

March 1, 1977

Rev. Robert G. Sampon
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53099

Dear Bob,

Since I am currently unassigned I have been exploring several published openings in and outside the Archdiocese. Right now it seems that a change of climate would be beneficial. I am undergoing minor surgery in mid-March to hopefully improve a chronic sinus condition which was aggravated by a crash into a glass door at 6:00 a.m. at the Hermitage at Big Sur, California during a recent visit.

The California climate beckons and at the present I am being considered for a position on the team at St. Bridgid's Parish in San Diego. What I need is a letter of recommendation from the Archdiocese. I hope to see Archbishop Cousins at the Confirmation at Neosho tomorrow evening and will mention my plans to him at that time.

The purpose of this letter is to formalize my request for a letter to be sent to:

Rev. Lloyd Bourgeois
4735 Cass Street
San Diego, CA 92109

Thank you for your correspondence with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The results were negative, but I am hopeful that I may fare better in San Diego.

Sincerely in Christ,

Lyn

(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

February 24, 1978

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
St. Brigid's Church
[redacted]
San Diego, California 92109

Dear Frank,

Thanks for your letter of February 16th and the kind words on my appointment to Milwaukee. It would be good to meet with you in person, but, as California is a long ways off and I do not expect to be there in the near future, this letter will have to suffice.

I personally would have no objections if you wish to be incardinated into the San Diego Diocese; however, you will have to clear this with San Diego. I will give my consent without problems.

Many blessings on your life and work, Father, and thanks again for the pleasant letter.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

saint brigid's church
[redacted]
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92109
[redacted]

February 16, 1978

The Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B., D.D.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street P. O. Box 2018
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Your Excellency:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my belated congratulations on your appointment as Archbishop of Milwaukee. While I have not met you personally, through your column in the Catholic Herald and through my Milwaukee contacts I feel that the Spirit has indeed favored us with a most beautiful and benevolent bishop.

The second reason for this letter is an appeal to your benevolence. I am one of your priests working outside the Archdiocese of Milwaukee with the permission of your predecessor, Archbishop Cousins. In his wisdom he allowed the restless spirit within me to pursue a ministry that led me to West Virginia for two years where I served as chaplain to the Marshall University Catholic Community and then a brief time at St. Louis University. Finding the latter rather unfulfilling, I was led to California and my present position. All this after serving ten years as an associate pastor in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

At St. Brigid's I have found a warm and loving community, headed by a man whom I love and respect. The California climate is agreeable and I feel a renewed sense of mission. The ministry is varied enough to provide the challenge I need and I would very much like to remain in my present position.

I have made my wishes known to the Archdiocesan Personnel Board and I am hereby seeking your permission to extend my stay in California with a possible view to incardination in the Diocese of San Diego. My only family ties in Wisconsin are my widowed mother, who was thrilled to be photographed with you at the Fond du Lac reception in your honor, and some cousins with whom I have limited contact. A move to California seems a good idea at this time, particularly since the Wisconsin climate has presented some health problems for me.

I would very much like to serve the people of God under your direction, but since you are there and I am here, there is a geographical problem. Your expertise in music is well recognized and our Choir Director here will have occasion to profit from it when he attends the Convention at Scranton. I wish I were also able to attend. St. Brigid's has a very fine choir which is one of the reasons I enjoy being here.

I have had some contact with members of your Community at St. Charles Priory where our Parish Team had a day of recollection. I hope that sometime a visit to the San Diego area will provide time for a personal visit.

I hope you will pardon the informality of this letter, but will rather regard it as a token of heartfelt esteem for your person.

saint brigid's church
[redacted]
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92109
[redacted]

I do not know when I can arrange a trip to Wisconsin, since my mother recently spent two weeks here. Incidentally she has been the organist at St. Mary's, Woodland since 1933 and will be most appreciative of your musical talents.

Looking forward to meeting you personally and hoping that we can come to a meeting of minds regarding my position I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker
Class of 1964

P.S. The new priests' directory has me listed as the Class of 1974. I would be happy to have ten years taken off my life, but since they say "life begins at forty" my California beginnings may be as providential as your "coming to Wisconsin".

saint brigid's church

[redacted]

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92109

[redacted]

April 25, 1978

The Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North Ninety Fifth Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Your Excellency:

Thank you for your letter of February 24th. I have been deliberating over the decision of remaining in California or returning to my home base. Circumstances here have changed since my last communication with you and I have decided to return to Milwaukee.

I am writing to Fr. Joseph Hornacek of the Personnel Board to inform him of my decision in the hope of receiving a summer assignment. My contract here ends the 16th of June, but since I have vacation time coming I would be able to leave earlier should a need arise.

I have also been in communication with Father Eugene Henke of Delavan and he informs me of a possible opening there. I had applied for that position a year ago and would be willing to accept that assignment if offered. I would also be willing to accept the assignment at Christ King Parish if there are no other options at this time.

Looking forward to meeting you personally and awaiting word from the Personnel Board I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker

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ADOM025694

January 30, 1979

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher
2031 Sunset Boulevard
San Diego, California 92103

Dear Bishop Maher,

Recently it was brought to my attention that Father Franklyn Becker will be returning to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I felt it would be helpful to write to you a personal and confidential letter to see if there is anything that you feel I should know as he returns here to this diocese.

It would be helpful if I could get some idea of his conduct while he was with you and if there is some reason why he is now returning to Milwaukee.

I am sure you understand my concern.

Thanks for all you have done.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

May 10, 1979

His Eminence
Terence Cardinal Cooke, D.D.
Military Ordinariate
1011 First Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Your Eminence,

With this letter I would like to formally give my approval to the request of the Reverend Franklyn Becker for admission to the Navy as a Catholic Chaplain.

Father Becker is a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and I am the Archbishop of the Diocese and thus his superior.

If there is further information that is needed from me, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

July 13, 1979

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The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker ✓
[redacted]
Delavan, Wisconsin 53115

Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position of work outside the Diocese and appoint you Associate Pastor at St. Margaret Mary Parish, Milwaukee, effective August 1, 1979. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father Raymond E. Vint.

Accept my prayers and good wishes as you move on to a new area of priestly work.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW
[redacted]
DELAVAN, WISCONSIN 53115

July 2, 1979

The Rev. Joseph A. Janicki
345 N. 95th Street Box 2018
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Joe,

I'm writing to you regarding my current status in the hope that you will relate the information to Bob Sampon when he returns from Europe.

The military assignment did not come through as I had hoped it would and I have withdrawn my request for military service at this time. I have informed the Personnel Board of the decision and am hoping for an assignment in the Archdiocese by August 1st. In the interim I will remain at St. Andrew's.

ok - $100. RJS.

My concern at this time is regarding salary for the month of July. As you know I was subsidized by the Diocese for the months of March through June. This included the Parish contribution to the Blue Cross/ Blue Shield program. I am hoping for the same arrangement for the month of July or until I am reassigned. I am receiving stipends and room and board at St. Andrew's, but I am not on their payroll.

I realize that you may not be able to handle this matter until Fr. Sampon returns, but I wanted to inform you of my current situation.

I enjoyed the class get-together and hope we can keep in closer touch in the months ahead.

Sincerely in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

St Michael's Priest Fund - pd. $100. checked 8/9/79. RJS

St. Margaret Mary Parish

[redacted]
MILWAUKEE. WISCONSIN 53222

REV. RAYMOND E. VINT
PASTOR

461-6073

April 14, 1980

The Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
345 North Ninety-fifth Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Your Excellency,

Thank you for your response to my letter of February 11th. The situation has worked itself out here to the point where I almost hate to leave. I have been in touch with Father Hornacek regarding my future assignment and I have had five sessions with [redacted] He does not see the need for further counseling at this time, but we have agreed to get together again when I feel the need. Sometimes a lot of growth can take place during a crisis. The sessions with [redacted] have been beneficial and I thank you for steering me to him.

I am looking forward to the concert at St. John's and the Spring Clergy Conference.

I am scheduled to take the ACMI Tour to the Holy Land in May if the situation in the Middle East does not force a cancellation.

Again thank you for your concern and help.

Sincerely yours,

Franklyn W. Becker

(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

August 8, 1980

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The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker ✓
Temporary Administrator, St. Joseph Church
[redacted]
Lyons, Wisconsin 53148

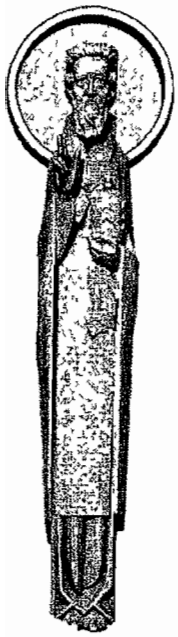
Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment and with the concurrence of the Archbishop, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Temporary Administrator at St. Joseph Parish, Lyons, with the Mission of St Kilian. Lyons Township, and appoint you Temporary Associate Pastor at St. Eugene Parish, Fox Point effective August 12, 1980. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor Father William H. Mackin.

Accept my prayers and good wishes as you move on to a new area of priestly work.

Sincerely yours in the Lord.

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki
Vicar for Priest Personnel



ST. EUGENE CONGREGATION

REV. WILLIAM H MACKIN, PASTOR

[redacted]

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53217

October 17, 1980

The Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
802 North Jackson Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Your Excellency:

It has been several months since I have corresponded with you, but I was grateful for your kind reception at Bob Deahl's ordination as I was for your sympathetic column in the Herald dealing with the gay issue.

As you know I have held several short term assignments since I left St. Margaret Mary Parish in the spring. I feel that I have cooperated well with the Personnel Board including my willingness to meet with [redacted] on a regular basis. All of this does not seem to have bettered my bargaining position for an assignment in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Having spoken to Fr. Hornacek today and Fr. Janicki earlier this week it would seem that I am somewhat a persona non grata when it comes to placement. It is for that reason that I am writing to you. I still believe that I am called to serve as a priest and if not in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, then hopefully somewhere else. I do not know where that somewhere else is and I am hopeful that you might lead me in the right direction. If possible I would like to return to the west coast, if you could steer me to a benevolent bishop. After my San Diego experience I do not feel I could return to either San Diego or San Bernardino, but perhaps you could direct me elsewhere. I have considered the Diocese of Phoenix as a possibility and have addressed an inquiry to Bishop Rausch. I do not have any other leads.

I am not trying to run away, but perhaps a geographical change outside of the Archdiocese is what is needed at this time.

I am beginning to feel that my presence here at St. Eugene Rectory is becoming a bit burdensome and that is why I feel a bit of urgency at this time.

Hoping to hear from you either by letter or phone I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

(Rev.) Franklyn W. Becker

December 5, 1980

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker ✓
[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53227

Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, and with the concurrence of the Archbishop, I herewith transfer you from your present position of awaiting assignment and appoint you Associate Pastor at St. John Parish, South Milwaukee, effective December 9, 1980. You will kindly report on that date to the Pastor, Father William Heffron.

In keeping with the Term of Office Policy inaugurated August 1, 1980, your assignment will exist for a period of up to six years from its effective date and after that will be reviewed for possible extension.

Accept my prayers and good wishes as you move on to a new area of priestly work.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki
Vicar for Priest Personnel

Saint Mary's Student Chapel
331 Thompson Street • Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

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Franklyn Becker

June 22, 1983

The Reverend
Michael Newman
345 North 95th St.
P.O. Box 2018
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Father Newman,

A priest from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, FRANKLYN WILLIAM BECKER, has responded to our search for a priest to be a member of the Pastoral Team in campus ministry serving the Catholic Community of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Fr. Becker has stated he is in good standing with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and is anticipating an assignment within the Archdiocese in the near future.

May we please ask you for a letter of recommendation for Fr. Becker, as we are interested in talking with him about our need for a priest on our Pastoral Team?

May we presume to hear from you soon on this matter? Our need is acute and we hope to make some decisions soon to fill this position.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Fr. Bob Kerr

Reverend Robert T. Kerr
Pastoral Team, St. Mary's Student Chapel

RTK/glr

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ARCHDIOCESE
OF MILWAUKEE
345 NORTH NINETY FIFTH STREET • P.O. BOX 2018 • MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53201 • PHONE 414/476 2101
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

August 13, 1983

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Priests' Personnel Board and Father Joseph A. Janicki, Vicar for Priest Personnel, I am assigning you to continuing education in Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Joseph Hospital, Milwaukee effective September 1, 1983. On that date you are to report to Father Richard O'Donnell. During that same period it is my understanding that you will also be functioning there as a part-time hospital chaplain.

You have my continued blessings on your ministry.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ Rembert G Weakland

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, OSB
Archbishop of Milwaukee

RGW/srs

cc Rev. Joseph A. Janicki, Vicar for Priest Personnel
Rev. John Nesseth, Coordinator of Health Affairs
Rev. Eugene Neuman, Priests' Personnel Board
Rev. Richard O'Donnell, Pastoral Care, St. Joseph Hospital

Peace, Lynn. My prayers are with you.

Marge.....

Welcome back. Hope you are feeling better.

Re. Fr. Frank Becker

He noted that his listing in the Catholic Herald directory indicated that he was on sick leave. I think that he is on study leave. Correct me if I am wrong.

If possible would you please correct that information for the State and National directories.

Thanks,

Fr. M

11/29/83

Fr. Mike,

Please note attached...per Fr. Janicki's instructions.

Marge

RECD APR 1 8 1984

[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53209

April 17, 1984

Rev. Michael T. Newman
3501 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

Dear Michael:

Just a few lines to bring you up to date on my status. I have accepted the position of Chaplain at the Winnebago Mental Health Center subject to the approval of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Diocese of Green Bay. The position begins on May 14th. My only income for the month of April is that from St. Mary's Nursing Home and that amounts to $100.00.

I will therefore be in need of the diocesan subsidy for the month of April and the first half of the month of May. The position at Winnebago is contingent upon my passing the physical examination to be administered next week and diocesan approval.

I will not be receiving any income from St. Joseph's Hospital this month.

Should I be accepted for the position at Winnebago I would like to remain under the Archdiocesan Health Care plan since the policies offered by the State of Wisconsin do not provide the extended coverage that I need.

I will need the salary subsidy as well as the living allowance for April and the first half of May per our agreement.

Wishing you a happy and blessed Easter!

Sincerely yours,

Frank

[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker

My last Sunday helpout at St. Mary's Nursing Home will be on April 29th. Fr. Greg Chycinski will take the Family Mass on May 6th and Fr. Bill Murray will cover the assignment after that.

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To: Archbishop Weakland
From: Barbara Anne Cusack
Re: Request for a "celebret"
Date: 1/14/94

The attached request for a celebret (stating his good standing and permission to be outside the diocese) came in from Father Franklyn Becker. Because I am uncertain about Fr. Becker's status, I contacted Fr. Tom Venne to ask whether or not I could issue this celebret. Tom stated that he did not know and that you would be the one to make such a decision. I'm sorry to trouble you with with what seems like such a trivial matter. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Jan. 21. '94

Barbara,

OK for celebret.

-Rob

Passed & pent
1/21/94

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"Let us go forward on the road that has brought us to where we are"

PHILIPPIANS 3.16

To Barb

Date 10/17/94 Time 3:45

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Fr. Lew Van V.

of

Phone

Area Code Number Extension

TELEPHONED	✓	PLEASE CALL	
CALLED TO SEE YOU		WILL CALL AGAIN	
WANTS TO SEE YOU		URGENT	
RETURNED YOUR CALL			

Message It is ok. to write a letter of good standing concerning Dr. Franklyn Becker. The Archbishop gives his green light.

Operator Mary

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY PERSONNEL

FILE COPY

January 30, 1997

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Woodland, WI 53099-0040

Dear Franklyn,

I merely wanted to confirm what we agreed to at our meeting with the Archbishop on 1/29/97. It seemed to be a profitable meeting. I was pleased to hear you acknowledge that you do reflect on your actions and are beginning to realize and accept that each has consequences.

The Archbishop was clear in pointing out that the insurance risk for your conduct is totally an Archdiocesan responsibility. He stated that the only time he would be willing to risk was when a person developed a certain amount of self knowledge together with the recognition that amending one's ways was absolutely essential.

It was agreed upon that you could continue to do help-out ministry as in the past in the Rubicon area. You are required to continue to see Dr. [redacted] weekly, as well as report to Tom McGuine, your monitor, monthly. It is presumed you will continue to make progress and when you begin to see your therapist only once weekly, at that time you will also join "group". You were encouraged to develop a circle of mature friends, people who are not lonely or angry, who can give you appropriate feedback.

I hope you felt the meeting was as productive as I did. You cleared away a lot of suspicion in your relationship with the diocese and the Archbishop. Continue to make progress and work on those homilies.

Prayerfully,

Carrol C Straub

Reverend Carrol C. Straub
Vicar for Clergy

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Subject: [Fwd: Father Franklyn W. Becker]
Date: Mon, 15 Apr 2002 09:40:53 -0500
From: Barbara Anne Cusack <cusackb@archmil.org>
To: Joe Hornacek <hornacekj@archmil.org>, reinkeb@archmil.org, Bishop Sklba <R1Sklba@aol.com>

This inquiry came to me from one of my former canon law students. I responded but thought you all should have this information for your records.
Barbara Anne

Subject: Father Franklyn W. Becker
Date: Fri, 12 Apr 2002 10:31:07 -0700
From: "Steve Callahan" <SCallahan@diocese-sdiego.org>
To: cusackb@archmil.org

Hi Barbara:

I got a call yesterday from Father Peter Escalante, pastor of St. Brigid Parish here in San Diego. A man came to see him recently, and told him that as a teenager he worked in the parish rectory in the late 70s. As a teenager he was beginning to wonder whether his orientation was homosexual. He was invited to the home of a parish choir member, a gay man. The choir member introduced him to the choir director, also gay. The choir director introduced him to Father Franklyn Becker, who apparently was in residence at the parish. There were sexual encounters with Father Becker. They stopped when the guy's younger brother started working in the rectory, and he warned Becker to stay away from his brother.

The guy wants to be assured that others are not at risk and that Becker is not active in ministry. The Kenedy directory lists him as on leave. What is Becker's status?

Steve

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

CHANCERY

COPY

June 18, 2002

Mr. E. Michael McCann
District Attorney
821 West State Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear Mr. McCann,

As per our agreement, I am enclosing materials for your review. The first intake report will need special and, if possible, expedited attention. [redacted]

The second intake report involves an allegation against Father Franklyn Becker. Father is not authorized for any active ministry and is under full restrictions. We have had multiple complaints about him in the past. No charges were ever pressed.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. If you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara Anne Cusack
Chancellor

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PRECEPT

In response to the pastoral needs of this Christian community, in virtue of my authority as diocesan bishop (c. 381, §1), and in accord with the provisions of canon 49, I formally place upon Reverend Franklyn Becker the following obligations:

1) To refrain from all contact with minors, vulnerable adults, and other persons or categories of persons who have proven to be occasions of temptation in the area of sexual morality;

2) To cease until further notice all public ministry including the celebration of Eucharist; Eucharist may be celebrated in a private setting alone or with only another priest or priests in attendance; the celebration of any other sacraments will require explicit permission of a local ordinary in each case;

3) To avoid all places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality;

4) To cease any and all activities and relationships that may be described under the broad category of pastoral counseling;

5) Until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked.

The reasons motivating this decree are the allegations of sexual activities in violation of the obligation of clerical celibacy (c. 277, §1). These restrictions are seen as necessary and prudent precautions and will remain in effect for three months from this date or until notice of their revocation. Any violations of this precept could result in penal action and this decree shall serve as canonical warning to that effect.

This decree shall be executed by means of its communication to Reverend Franklyn Becker by Very Reverend Joseph Hornacek.

Given this 10th day of April, 2002.

+ Rembert G. Weakland

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Rev. John D. Aiello

Notary

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

FILE COPY

July 26, 2002

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Mayville WI 53050

Dear Franklyn,

Thank you for your letter of July 18, 2002, in which you express your concerns over the salary package that you are receiving for the current fiscal year. I acknowledge your gratitude for the small increase in salary, though this does not include an increase in the living allowance.

During the past several years you did not have a formal assignment in the Archdiocese. This was due to some confusion and doubt resulting from allegations of sexual abuse in the past. Given the number of allegations that have been reported in recent months you would never have been allowed to serve even as a helpout priest had all of this been known to Archdiocesan authorities prior to the spring of this year.

Compensation items such as retirement supplement, professional reimbursement, retreat fee and continuing education fee are all based on a person's assignment to a parish or some other institution in the Archdiocese. I consider it generous on the part of the Archdiocese to have given you some retreat fee or continuing education fee and retirement supplement during the years in which you were not formally assigned to any parish. Therefore it is certainly not with any sense of arbitrariness that such compensation items are withdrawn at this time when you are considered unassignable for any future ministry.

Let me also take this opportunity to report that Barbara Anne Cusack, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, is currently preparing the statement for publication in the Catholic Herald that will report you as one of the originally six priests whose files were being reviewed by the Special Commission established by Archbishop Weakland for this purpose. I will make every effort to make sure that you have a copy of that statement before it is given to the Catholic Herald.

Thank you for your prayers for my speedy recovery. I am happy to report that surgery went well and the recuperation period should end within the next week or two. Hopefully your vacation time in Canada provided the kind of relaxation and renewal you hoped for.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Fraternally Yours in the Lord,

V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek
Vicar for Clergy

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

February 3, 2003

Reverend Franklyn Becker
[redacted]
Mayville, WI 53050

Dear Franklyn,

As I continue to adjust to my role as Archbishop, I am undertaking a review of files of priests. I note that there have been problems in your past of which you are well aware. Father Hornacek will be contacting you for a personal meeting in the near future to discuss this situation with you on my behalf. If you want to meet with me personally at some point after your conversation with Joe, I am certainly open to that possibility.

In the meantime, I see that a precept restricting your exercise of ministry is in place. I would like to confirm those restrictions: You are to have no unsupervised contact with minors and no public exercise of ministry; Private celebration with only another priest or priests in attendance is permitted, but no other sacramental ministry. Given the current state of matters, I would also ask that you not wear your collar in public settings, nor present yourself in public as a priest. This is for your protection as well.

I regret that my first formal correspondence with you needs to be on such a delicate and painful matter. I am sure you understand that the scope of my responsibilities in caring for the flock entrusted to me and for you requires that I do so.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Timothy M. Dolan

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
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1016. Franklyn Becker
October 29, 2002 Franklyn Becker is phoned by Dave Zimprich to change date of a monitoring appointment. Becker reported reading the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article about the listening session on 10/26/02 during which a sexual abuse was reported taking place in Lyons, WI at the time Becker was assigned there. Zimprich did not share any info about the intent of another victim to file a formal complaint against Becker for abuse in CA. JFH

120. Franklyn Becker
February 4, 2003 Franklyn Becker meets with Vicar who further explains content of the Archbishop's 2/3/03 letter. Becker admits to some but not all of the detailed abusive behavior outlined by a victim-survivor now residing in California. Becker is taken aback by recommendation that he move to Cousins Center for purpose of more realistic monitoring. He cites need to find new nursing facility for 98 year old mother in Milwaukee and lease on apartment till November of '03 as reasons for hoping a different monitoring strategy could be employed in Mayville. JFH

282. Franklyn Becker
April 24, 2003 Dave Zimprich phones Vicar to report on his monitoring meeting with Franklyn Becker on 4/23. He is depressed over his mother's failing health and hopes he does not need to change residence before she dies. He is concerned about smaller amount of financial support from diocese 7/1/03 and has asked for assistance with prescriptions from St. Michael's Priest Fund. JFH

316. Franklyn Becker
May 5, 2003 Franklyn Becker is called by Vicar to inquire about his mother's health status. Vicar assures Franklyn that he will not need to change residence at this time but that his participation in a group for priest sex offenders is urged. He is willing to do so. He reports he was phoned by [redacted] former priest and canon lawyer from San Diego who is organizing priest perpetrators. Becker found him obnoxious and did not cooperate. JFH

332. Franklyn Becker
May 9, 2003 Franklyn Becker is arrested today according to an email from [redacted] The California Attorney General has details. Barbara Anne Cusack informs the bishops and Matt Flynn. Hornacek informs Dave Zimprich and Dean Charlie Wester. JFH

342. Franklyn Becker
May 13, 2003 Franklyn Becker is released from Dodge Correctional Facility according to Attorney Pat Madden who negotiated bail down to $10,000. Madden will now file a writ of Habeas Corpus; Becker allegedly contends he was not in San Diego during time of alleged misconduct there. Hornacek obtains info from Cusack showing Becker to have been there from June of '97 until sometime between January and May of '99. Hornacek phones Becker at home and he confirms he was at St. Bridget Parish in San Diego for those 2 years. His next hearing is June 10th in Juneau. JFH

362. Franklyn Becker
May 19, 2003 Franklyn Becker notifies Vicar he was able to break the lease on his apartment and asks if it is permitted to move in with Charlie Wester at his rectory. Vicar gives permission as long as Becker's attorney also approves. JFH

400. Franklyn Becker
May 30, 2003 Franklyn Becker vacated his apartment in hopes of living with Charlie Wester at his rectory for a short time (til June 10th hearing). Parishioners objected so inquiry was made about using empty rectory at Rubicon. Al Van Beek also found negative reaction from people. So after 2 nights at the Mayville Inn, Becker is expected to move into Mayville Heights senior apartments in Mayville by 6/2/03. JFH

488. Franklyn Becker
June 30, 2003 Franklyn Becker writes Vicar to request Mass stipends from Chancery to augment his reduced income. JFH

493. Franklyn Becker
June 3, 2002 Franklyn Becker writes Vicar re concern that his financial support might be reduced which would make it difficult for him to pay his bills. On 6/10 Vicar phones Becker to report that his retreat fee, continuing education fee and retirement supplement would be eliminated this year. He rents an apartment for $615 monthly. Vicar suggests an article in the Catholic Herald may be used to share his story as one of the six priests whose files were reviewed. Becker would see the contents of the article before it went to press.

JFH

546. Franklyn Becker
June 19, 2002 Franklyn is seen by Dave Zimprich for monthly monitoring meeting. Becker has contacted a Chicago attorney to learn whether he should be receiving additional financial support from the Archdiocese. He revealed that he continues to periodically be in contact with a woman from Whitefish Bay who made a complaint against him. Zimprich pointed out this makes no sense; Becker's explanation made less sense. JFH

660. Franklin Becker
July 18, 2002 I phoned Franklin Becker to inform him of the '02-'03 approved compensation in his case. He was told that his minimal salary was increased, his housing amount was not changed from last year and that the retirement supplement was eliminated. He already knew that the Continuing Ed Fee and the Retreat Fee would be eliminated. He is concerned that he no longer is able to earn stipends because of the Precept, which he mentioned is beyond the 3 months (I told him that Barbara Anne Cusack is updating the Precept.) He asked how these decisions could be "arbitrarily" made. I recommended that he put his concerns in writing so that the Vicar would receive it as soon as the he returned to the office after his convalescence. It sounded like Franklyn was reluctant to do so. He also verbalized a feeling of "injustice" that some were able to continue in ministry. KS

661. Franklyn Becker
July 18, 2002 Franklyn Becker is the subject of a monitoring status report submitted by Dave Zimprich following their July 17th meeting in Oconomowoc. Becker wonders when he might be able to return to ministry, realizing his 3-month Precept needs to be renewed. He will be on a 10 day vacation to Canada starting next week. His brother from Muncie, Indiana, will stay in his apartment during that time to care for their mother.

JFH

669. Franklyn Becker
July 19, 2002 Franklyn Becker writes Vicar re his salary package for new fiscal year. He complains about not receiving "professional reimbursement" for the past ten years and now having "arbitrarily" lost his retirement supplement. JFH

498. Franklyn Becker
On July 20, 2002 at the request of Barbara Ann Cusack I signed a renewed ministerial restriction precept for Fr. Franklyn Becker to be in place, pending revocation.

RJS

566. Franklyn Becker
On August 12, 2002 in the context of a meeting of the College of Consultors it was unanimously recommended that some statement be published regarding removal of Fr. Franklyn Becker from ministry due to allegations.

RJS

768. Franklyn Becker
August 17, 2002 Franklyn Becker is phoned by Vicar and told his case will be made public in the Catholic Herald next week; it may also appear in the Journal Sentinel with the names of 2 or 3 additional priests who will leave active ministry in August. A brief sample paragraph of the notice is read to Becker. In response to his query he is told he will most likely not be allowed to do any public ministry ever again.

JFH

On April 8, 2002 in a conversation with Deacon David Zimprich who staffs the Archdiocesan monitoring program I concluded that Franklyn should be directed not to accept any more regular weekend help outs, even though his monitoring program is in place both at St. Jerome Parish in Oconomowoc and St. Mary Parish in Mayville, pending further developments with the Commission

RJS

209. Franklyn Becker

On April 9, 2002 I met briefly with Fr. Hornacek to review my conversation with David Zimprich regarding Franklyn Becker, since I had recommended that he cease from all public weekend ministry pending further conversation with individuals who had contacted Dr. [redacted] we concurred that a formal precept should be drawn up and sent to him, limiting his ministry pending further investigation and the report from the special Commission.

RJS

293. Franklyn Becker

April 10, 2002 Franklyn will be told by Dave Zimprich today that he is to refrain from all public ministry including helpout service on weekends. A written precept will follow. This afternoon Dave Zimprich submitted written report on his meeting with Becker. Becker returned his signed consent form after crossing out two sentences. Vicar speaks with Becker by phone this evening responding to questions about the form, the precept and financial concerns. JFH

388. Franklyn Becker

May 10, 2002 Franklyn Becker is called by Vicar for meeting to deliver precept to him. He inquires about reason for this action at this time and is told an alleged victim came forward recently. When he asked for the name he acknowledged knowing the person. He is also told no additional compensation will be given to make up for lost stipends and stole fees. He is also told he is not allowed to celebrate the June 29th 50th Anniversary Mass as he requested at St. John, Rubicon.

JFH

402. Franklyn Becker

May 14, 2002 Franklyn Becker is seen by Vicar and given precept. He continues to meet weekly for therapy with Dr. [redacted] which he finds helpful.

JFH

595. Franklyn Becker
7/26/01 Barbara Reinke asked for a clarification concerning Franklyn Becker. She was concerned that I might use him to be TA at Neosho/Rubicon/Woodland if [redacted] were to go away for treatment. I clarified with her that I had no intention to do that. My concern was that if [redacted] did leave, I needed to deal with Franklyn Becker since he is a regular help out at those parishes.

WEK

714. Franklyn Becker
September 17, 2001 Vicar meets with Franklyn Becker to review some of his goals and to challenge some of his recent behaviors (e.g. preoccupied conversations about [redacted] and [redacted] overnight at Park East Hotel, attending movies with homosexual theme at Downer) which could be interpreted as flirting with occasions of temptation. Becker denies any intent at misbehavior. Vicar challenges any effective results of continued weekly sessions with Dr. [redacted] and invites Becker to discuss this with her.

JFH

16. Franklyn Becker
January 7, 2002 Franklyn sends notice to the Vicar requesting that he be able to retain his help-out position at the Tri-Parishes of Rubicon, Neosho and Woodland with a new pastor arriving in June 2002. He also wishes to consider residency at St. John Rectory.

JFH

137. Franklyn Becker
February 18, 2002 Franklyn is the subject of the monthly monitoring report which Dave Zimprich submitted to the Vicar following his 2/13 meeting with Franklyn. There is nothing significant to report.

JFH

390. Becker, Franklyn
On November 5, 1998 Fr. Becker called to inform us of his new address:
[redacted] Mayville, WI 53050 – [redacted]

SKS

128. Becker, Franklyn
February 8, 1999 Franklyn is called after his return from a seminar for clergy in Florida. He appreciated this gesture of support. He is grateful to live in Mayville where he can visit his 94-year-old mother in a nursing facility each day. He continues to benefit from weekly sessions with Dr. [redacted] and enjoys being able to help out in parishes.

JFH

555. Becker, Franklyn
July 28, 1999 Vicar meets with Franklyn Becker and Deacon Tom McGuine to report to Becker on results of group meeting of 7/12/99 with Dr. [redacted] McGuine and [redacted] Hornacek reviews the restrictions of 6/11/96 and will adapt numbers 2 and 5 which will allow Becker to preside at Eucharist with minors as servers, and will allow him to attend cultural events if accompanied by a mature adult without specific permission of Vicar each time. He's commended for faithfully attending weekly therapy with Dr. [redacted] and monthly monitoring meeting with McGuine. Becker's progress includes less anger, less preoccupation with other priests' stories and ongoing effort to maintain appropriate boundaries. He is encouraged to take advantage of more educational pursuits and to obtain a spiritual director.

JFH

501. Franklyn Becker
On August 16, 2000 in the absence of Fr. Hornacek I gave Fr. Franklyn Becker permission to join a commercial tour to Oberammergau, leaving September 15, 2000 and returning approximately two weeks later.

RJS

905. Franklyn Becker
October 10, 2000 Franklyn meets with Vicar to discuss any need to change restrictions and to inquire whether he needs to meet with a monitor after Deacon Tom McGuine leaves the area in January 2001. Frank is informed that the Archbishop usually follows the therapist's recommendation and Dr. [redacted] believes Frank continues to need a weekly conference. Vicar affirms need for Franklyn to meet with new monitor, Deacon David Zimprich, but perhaps only every other month.

JFH

561. Franklyn Becker
7/16/01 Barbara Anne Cusack advised me that someone has brought another charge of sexual misbehavior (from the past) against Franklyn Becker. Barbara Reinke is checking into the allegation. I will wait for her report.

WEK

581. Franklyn Becker
July 19, 2001 Barbara Reinke filed Sexual Abuse Intake Report of [redacted] who reported on 7/13/01 with allegation against Fr. Franklyn Becker dating back 1 1980 or 1981.

KS

580. Franklyn Becker
7/19/01 I spoke with Barbara Reinke about the sexual abuse victim who came forward against Franklyn Becker. It is an old incident. I was concerned that we might have to deny Franklyn the faculties to do helpout. He helps Russ Stommel out. Barb and I agreed that we could wait until next week when Bishop Sklba returns to discuss whether or not any action needs to be taken.

WEK

94. Becker, Franklyn
December 2, 1997 - Dr. [redacted] called to give me an update. She moved her practice:
Wisconsin Psychological Association: [redacted]
Milwaukee 53225 [redacted] H: [redacted]

Franklyn has been coming in regularly.
a) She keeps him in check.
b) She notices a raise in his anxiety level.
c) He has had relapses, but no children.
d) He has lack of trust of other priests.
e) Group sessions would not work. He is only now beginning to trust Dr. [redacted]
f) He has lack of fraternity in the priesthood.
g) Impulsive behavior
h) Needs to develop friendships for the future.
i) He wants to go back into the closet happily.

Dr. [redacted] said the positives are:
Insight
Trust (with her)
Beginning to see the damage he caused
Boundaries not to be crossed
Personality disorders are being worked on

He is to stay away from boy's magazines.
He has a working defiance of authority.
She helped him to realize that he has a pretty good life - with support from the diocese.
He has anxiety. (Dr. [redacted] said she likes that - It keeps him on the straight and narrow.)
We will continue to monitor (Tom McGuine) and call John Yockey.
3 persons: John Yockey, Tom McGuine, Franklyn Becker.

TFK

115. Becker, Franklyn
April 14, 1998 - Dr. [redacted], Franklyn's therapist, who had been trying several times but unsuccessfully to talk with Tom Kerstein since early March, and who had been informed by me of Tom's death, left a voice mail message that, since she will be in Birmingham, Alabama, with the Red Cross, she will contact us after 5/1/98. She wanted us to know that she is pleased with Franklyn's progress and that she advised Franklyn that if he has any psychological problems during her absence, he should call Dr. [redacted], in Dr. [redacted] office, at [redacted] Franklyn was also encouraged to stay in touch with his monitor.

The last communication we received from Dr. [redacted] was on 3/19/98 when she was asking Fr. Tom why Fr. Yockey hadn't seen Fr. Becker since their first meeting, and wondered if Fr. Yockey is too busy or if their schedules are so different. Since Fr. Tom had never received that message, I called Tom McGuine on 4/9/98 and informed him of Dr. [redacted] call and concern and I asked Tom McGuine to follow up on that question. He agreed to do so.

SKS

126. Becker, Franklyn
On April 24, 1996 I talked to Dr. [redacted] who is Franklyn's psychologist. She felt that each week there was a little movement forward. She spoke of issues such as, assertiveness, self esteem, guilt, anxiety, anger, passive aggressiveness, negative feeling and denial. All of these need to be dealt with in the context of Franklyn's therapy. We had a lengthy discussion. I felt she had an excellent focus on where Franklyn is at.

CCS

216. Becker, Franklyn
On August 23, 1996 [redacted] called to complain that Fr. Becker is a public nuisance in the Woodland area. He calls the DNR, the police, then he uses these issues in his Sunday homilies. I asked Tom McGuine to speak to him this afternoon in his monitor session.

CCS

845. Lynn Franklyn Becker
On August 30, 1996 in a meeting with Len Barbian by way of response to Lynn's request for permission to go on another cruise, I shared Carrol's hesitation, since Lynn had excused himself from treatment programs on the basis of need to care for his mother. We acknowledged the possibility of giving such permission after further conversation with Lynn's therapist, whom Len promised to call.

RJS

25. Becker, Franklyn
On January 29, 1997 the Archbishop, Deacon Tom McGuine, Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki and Dr. [redacted] met with Father Franklyn Becker to discuss his future. Dr. [redacted] indicated that Franklyn was beginning to reflect on his conduct and is developing a realization of consequences for his actions. After a lengthy discussion, the Archbishop explained to him why he continued to be a risk for the Archdiocese. It was agreed that he could continue to do help-out ministry with Fr. Wenig in the Rubicon area provided he continues to see Dr. [redacted] and provided Tom McGuine continues to monitor his conditions for ministry. It is presumed he must continue to make progress. It was also agreed that when he begins to see Dr. [redacted] once weekly, he will join a group. Franklyn also was encouraged to develop a circle of mature friends who would be able to give him appropriate feedback.

CCS

49. Becker, Franklin
On February 19, 1997 Dr. [redacted] called relative to Franklin's progress. She promised she would arrange group for Franklin. She finally got in contact with Dr. [redacted] in Madison who referred her to another therapist, Dr. [redacted]. So at this time she is having Franklin make an appointment with Dr. [redacted] for group, after which she will spend a little time with him relative to the folks who made allegations against him. This she will do only after Dr. Piasecki has given written permission. I believe this will conclude Franklin Becker's therapy sessions with Dr. [redacted]

CCS

57. Becker, Franklyn

On February 8, 1996 I met with [redacted], Rev. Dismas Bonner, and [redacted] We met with Franklyn Becker for feedback session at the St. Louis Consultation Center. This was relative to the evaluation of Franklyn Becker. [redacted] did the initial interview. Dismas gave the Spirituality summary and [redacted] gave the psychosocial history. The center is located at [redacted] St. Louis, MO [redacted]

Franklyn has had no spiritual director since 1988, again he relies on his own resources. He sees opposition between life in the spirit and the secular rather than having a wholistic incarnational spirituality. Celibacy has to be seen as a positive way of living out sexuality, which is essentially mystery.

[redacted] was tough, hoping to get Franklyn's attention. He asked, Do you want to change this in your life? Places recommended for therapy: 1) St. Luke's, Washington - long term like 8 months, 2) or New Mexico, 3) another alternative would be an intensive outpatient care where living in is monitored.

Franklyn stated he is willing to go for treatment, but not as long as his mom needs care. We agreed to continue conversation on this point.

I asked Franklyn Becker

1) to consider how sometime in the future he might get a county nurse in twice a week to look after his mother and maybe some neighbor on a daily basis, so he might consider this 8-months residency.

2) to find a spiritual director like Laurin Wenig who he can trust to talk to on a monthly basis about the matters we covered in this evaluation summary on 2/8/96 in St. Louis.

3) I asked him to reflect on boundary violations in his life several times each week. He and I spoke of examples of such boundary setting.

CCS

81. Becker, Franklyn

On March 6, 1996 I called Franklyn to request that he call Dr. [redacted] and set an appointment for therapy. He agreed to call for the appointment on Monday, March 11, 1996. He asked about the allegation that brought him to this point. I told him I didn't have that information, since it is kept by Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki.

CCS

112. Becker, Frank

On April 19, 1996 I talked to Franklyn about his progress in therapy with Dr. [redacted] He has received permission from Bishop Sklba to go on a cruise as Chaplain on April 20, 1996, but will return for the Spring Assembly. After this time we will assign him to the monitoring program with Tom McGuine.

CCS

152. Becker, Franklyn
On March 7, 1993 I met with Franklyn Becker at Cascade to discuss his recent letter regarding his choices for assignment. I told Franklyn of the allegations made by [redacted] regarding inappropriate sexual behavior on the part of Franklyn while he was Associate Pastor at St. Margaret Mary. Franklyn recalled [redacted] as a very disturbed person from a very disturbed family. Franklyn denies that he ever had any inappropriate sexual behavior with [redacted] He recalled [redacted] tried to get some money from him by claiming he hit the windshield in a minor accident while Franklyn was driving him home. I informed Franklyn of [redacted] conversation of wanting to kill Franklyn and his story of the FBI contact in West Virginia. Franklyn was unaware of that and questions if it is true. Franklyn knows our concern. He still would like to be able to continue his priestly ministry.

RTV

563. Becker, Franklyn
On June 18, 1993 we received a letter from Franklyn Becker notifying us that beginning 6/22/93 he will be living at [redacted] Woodland, WI 53099-0040 [redacted] He will be available for help out work.

RTV

656. Becker, Franklyn
On July 8, 1993 I spoke with Franklyn Becker regarding his compensation. Clarification was needed for the $650.00 living allowance. Franklyn determined $450.00 for rent and $200.00 for food. Franklyn asked about Professional expenses and I told him that was not an included benefit when someone was not assigned. He will receive retreat and continuing education.

RTV

134. Becker, Franklyn
On February 1, 1994, I called Franklyn Becker in response to his letter about Retirement Supplement and his future by way of an assignment. I told him the Retirement Supplement had been approved. He asked about his future for assignment. I told him his status would not change. Any change would be determined by Archbishop Weakland, and he would have to speak with him about any questions he had regarding the future. He said as long as he is caring for his mother he would continue as he is doing.

RTV

500. Becker, Franklyn
On April 18, 1994, I received a letter from Franklyn Becker with questions regarding his compensation. He was concerned that he was not getting a monthly food allowance. I told him that he was getting $200.00 a month for food but it is included with his salary. The $450.00 for housing is separate because it is not taxable. He also asked that, if not assigned, he be listed in the Directory with his mother's address and not listed as "not assigned".

RTV

931. Becker, Franklyn
On December 7, 1992 I received calls from [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] from St. Mary's, Cascade supportive of Franklyn Becker's ministry. A person from the parish is calling parishioners to sign a petition to have Franklyn removed. They said Franklyn is getting people back to Church including young people and wish he could stay. I told them we appreciate their supportive comments and that Franklyn is only there temporarily because of other plans for him in the future. On 12/8/92 [redacted] from St. Mary's, Cascade also called to express her support of Franklin Becker.

RTV

947. Becker, Franklyn
On December 11, 1992 we received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] from St. Mary's, Cascade. The finance committee held a general meeting for the parish and it was very favorable for for what is being done at the rectory and that there was general agreement to have Franklyn Becker remain as pastor. A meeting with their Parish Council President was recommended.

RTV

107. Becker, Franklyn
On February 24, 1993 I received a call from [redacted] who alleges inappropriate sexual behavior on the part of Franklyn Becker. The alleged behavior happened when Franklyn was assigned to St. Margaret Mary Parish. [redacted] believes it was in 1977 shortly after he graduated from High School. [redacted] also alleges abuse by a priest in Northern Wisconsin and a Franciscan priest in Kenosha. [redacted] was aware that Franklyn was in West Virginia and California and that he goes on cruises and lives with his mother. [redacted] He also said he is working with an attorney in Chicago, a Mr. Dempsey. I made an appointment for 3/1/93 with [redacted], Dr. Liz Piasecki and myself.

RTV

128. Becker, Franklyn
On March 1, 1993 Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki and I were present for an appointment with [redacted] did not come, so I called the phone number he gave me. A woman who spoke on the phone identified herself as [redacted] mother. She said that he left the house on 2/28/93 after a disagreement, and she did not know when he would return. [redacted] She said that she was sorry she did not believe him in the beginning regarding his allegations. She felt that the priest was responsible for his condition, but she did not mention the name of the priest. Shortly afterwards I received a call from [redacted] She said [redacted] had called and was put in contact with Project Benjamin and Mary Kay's secretary took the call. [redacted] said he had an appointment with me and was sick and not able to come and [redacted]

RTV

51. Becker, Franklyn
On Monday, October 21, 1991 I met with Franklyn to review his compensation while on awaiting assignment. Franklyn is part of the Pilot Compensation Plan this year. Compensation will be given according to this Plan with the regular deductions from salary as listed in the Clergy Manual.

RTV

395. Becker, Franklyn
On Wednesday, May 20, 1992 I met with Franklyn to discuss his sabbatical and his financial arrangements. There is some confusion on the exact time of the sabbatical because of the cruise, Louvain and the Archbishop's tour group. I shared with Franklyn the guidelines from the Continuing Formation Handbook. He agreed that we will consider the months of June, July and August as his sabbatical time. He had already received his monies from the sabbatical fund. He will receive only 50 percent of his salary from Account 46 and no room and board during those months since it is part of the sabbatical funds. Lyn will return on August 9, 1992 following the Archbishop's tour and be ready for assignment.

RTV

566. Becker, Franklyn W.
On August 14, 1992 I received a letter from Franklyn Becker stating that he is available for help-out and reassignment. He stated that Tom Trepanier had called regarding Villa Clement but he turned that down. He states he has a desire to return to Parish Work in a suburban or rural parish. He asks for a meeting with Archbishop Weakland and Bishop Sklba to discuss his future assignment.

RTV

✓483. Franklyn Becker
On August 28, 1992 I gave tentative approval to Tom Trepanier for utilizing Franklyn Becker as a weekend help out at Cascade, after Dick Fetherston's departure and in view of Jim Thurman's unwillingness to continue that particular assignment.

RJS

691. Becker, Franklyn
On September 25, 1992 Archbishop Weakland, Bishop Sklba and I met with Franklyn Becker to discuss his future assignment. Franklyn was very frank about certain issues in his past and was aware of the implications for future assignments. He said he liked the short term help outs like he is now doing in Cascade. He also mentioned early retirement as a possiblility. He is now 55. He was thanked for his honesty and Archbishop Weakland told him we would need time to discuss all these concerns in deciding on his future assignment.

RTV

✓559. Franklyn Becker
On September 25, 1992 I joined the Archbishop and Tom Venne in meeting with Lyn to discuss future options. I noted the many reasons which counseled against his assignment to parish ministry at this time.

RJS

852. Becker, Franklyn

On Monday, October 8, 1990 the office learned of a volatile confrontation between Franklyn and [redacted] at West Allis Memorial Hospital. Although [redacted] is willing to discuss the matter with me and Franklyn, Franklyn does not seem willing to do so. Tom Trepanier will continue to press for a resolution/reconciliation meeting including himself as well. Tom agreed to visit the Hospital in order to determine if there are any issues present from the hospital staff. [redacted] came forward on Tuesday, October 9, 1990 to express his general unhappiness with the lack of availability on Franklyn's part during times of night emergency.

RJS

853. Becker, Franklyn

On Monday, October 22, 1990 the office received a memo from Tom Trepanier reporting on his meeting with six nursing supervisors of West Allis Memorial Hospital regarding performance issues of the chaplain. In summarizing the concerns, the general issues seem to fall into three categories:

1. the perception that Franklyn does not respond pastorally or sensitively to emergencies or needs beyond sacramental celebration (repeatedly saying things like "I don't give last rites", or "this is a waste of my time", or "I'll talk to the family by phone";
2. arriving approximately 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. and leaving the hospital by 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. claiming that he must allow time for emergencies; thus, resulting in the fact that many patients are not seen or visited except by Eucharistic ministers, even though approximately 60 percent (110) patients are Catholic on a regular basis;
3. the general perception that Franklyn possesses neither the personality nor interest to be an effective chaplain at the hospital.

RJS

913. Becker, Franklyn

On Wednesday, August 21, 1991 Franklyn requested that I review the 1983 Wausau report. Lyn also gave me permission to speak with his therapist, [redacted] if needed.

RJS

896. Becker, Franklyn

On Wednesday, August 21, 1991 Tom Trepanier and I met with Lyn in order to review the recommendations gathered from West Allis Memorial Hospital administrators and priests of the district, concluding that it was time for another person to be assigned to that ministry. He concurred, and we agreed upon September 15, 1991 as the final date for his work at the hospital after which he would go on awaiting assignment. I privately explained my hesitation regarding a parish assignment in view of historical circumstances. I agreed to seek clarification for salary and benefits of someone in the current priest compensation pilot program (at the September 6, 1991 Temporalities Committee meeting), and to see if a sabbatical opening might be possible this fall. Franklyn will draw up a list of possible ministerial interests and will contact [redacted] as well. We also spoke of some of his own fears as a result of the past experiences.

On Friday, August 23, 1991 Lyn called to request that he receive full salary through the month of September in order to cover his expected vacation time, which I approved. He also asked if he might apply for a part-time position at St. Francis Hospital which I also endorsed. In response to his request for the sum of approximately $3,000 which had been placed in an account for help out services at West Allis Memorial Hospital, I indicated that the auditors would probably not approve the redirecting of such funds contrary to their designated purpose

RJS

366. Becker, Franklyn

On Thursday, April 21, 1988 I received a phone call from a nurse at West Allis Memorial Hospital, [redacted] who requested special assistance in regard to the way in which Father Becker was responding to a dying Lutheran patient's request to see a priest. I called Franklyn at home and reported the phone call expressing my willingness to accept his judgement in the matter. On Monday, April 25, 1988 I received a phone call from [redacted] the Senior Vice President at West Allis Memorial ([redacted]) indicating that the entire matter had been finally resolved and that nurses and chaplain had probably said inappropriate things to each other during an argument over pastoral responsibility and care. The matter seems to be properly handled.

RJS

225. Becker, Franklyn

On Tuesday, February 28, 1989 [redacted] called to say that [redacted] is greatly concerned about Franklyn's unavailability at West Allis Memorial Hospital. A copy of the job description was requested (none current, but only a document arranged for Father Mueller in 1982). The matter will be discussed at the next district meeting, and I encouraged them to make sure that Franklyn was invited to be present.

RJS

243. Becker, Franklyn

On Friday, March 10, 1989 [redacted] reported a request from Franklyn that his monthly help out allowance be increased from $250 to $300. Since there has been no recent review of this financial and pastoral arrangement, [redacted] accepted responsibility to bring the entire matter to the next District meeting on March 17, 1989 and to ask the 13 parishes for some type of consensus in this regard. The entire plan for pro-rated cost sharing needs review and updating which [redacted] will take care of.

RJS

775. Becker, Franklyn

On Friday, September 15, 1989 I met with [redacted] regarding Franklyn's accreditation through NACC. [redacted] agreed to inquire of both Franklyn and the NACC offices regarding the reason for the discontinuation of efforts for full accreditation.

RJS

173. Becker, Franklyn

On Monday, February 19, 1990 the Archbishop received a phone call from Franklyn, claiming that he in turn had received a call from Dick Godin in Austin, Texas, who allegedly gave the documentation to [redacted] A later conversation with [redacted] suggested that Dick still lives in Rockford, Illinois.

RJS

190. Becker, Franklyn

On Monday, February 19, 1990 I spoke with [redacted] who expressed his serious unhappiness with the style of work performed by Franklyn at West Allis Memorial noting that one of his parishioners had been very seriously ill for 24 days without any evidence of sacramental administration on the part of the chaplain. I reminded [redacted] of the recent evaluation on the part of the entire district and encourage [redacted] to speak with Franklyn himself.

RJS

600. Becker, Franklyn

On Thursday, July 26, 1990 I received a phone call from [redacted] indicating concern on the part of [redacted] ([redacted]) regarding the seemingly intensive pastoral care devoted to her son, [redacted], at West Allis Hospital. I immediately called Lyn at his home in order to bring this issue to his attention and to receive his explanation which sounds logical. He denied any riding through the neighborhood of the family and stated that he had discussed the entire matter with his supervisor, [redacted] at the hospital.

RJS

820. Becker, Franklyn
He called to say that Father Rich O'Donnell has offered to let him into the next CPE course at the hospital. This course will take up his time on Saturday mornings. He wanted to know if he could proceed along this line. I told him that I thought we were coming close to an assignment for him and that I wanted to talk to the Personnel Board about this. Becker will call me next Wednesday for further direction.

8/21/84

874. Becker, Franklyn
He heard of Father Ries's death and wondered if it would be possible for him to apply for the position at St. Mary Hill Hospital. I put him in touch with Father John Nesseth about this. Later Nesseth called me to say that he thinks it is too early to look into this matter but suspects that Sister Ellinda may be interested in going back to the original plan of having one priest between St. Mary's Hospital and St. Mary's Hill and using a number of the religious women to do pastoral work. Becker also asked about the availability of $200 for a CPE course at St. Joseph Hospital. I told him that he could get the money from his continuing education fund (he told me it was all gone) or from Father Nesseth's budget if there was any left (Nesseth told me there was none left) or I suggested that he ask Father O'Donnell at St. Joseph's to let him work off the money in some way. I told Becker there simply wasn't any money around for this purpose.

9/11/84

966. Becker, Franklyn
He called to discuss the financial arrangements with regard to his forthcoming job at West Allis Memorial Hospital. He would like to be placed on Salary Plan B and also wishes alternate residency. He told me he would be willing to live in a rectory but he checked with St. Jude's but they are looking for a priest who will do more for the parish than he could do. He has an apartment spotted but said it would cost more than the present ceiling allowance would provide and wondered if that could be negotiated. I told him it definitely could not and that he would have to find something cheaper or go back to the idea of living in a rectory. He is going to check with a couple of more parishes to see if this would be possible.

10/15/84

994. Becker, Franklyn
Father Paul Esser called to express his concern about the assignment of Father Becker to West Allis Memorial Hospital. Esser worked on the Personnel Board at the time when Becker was having problems in California. Therefore, he knows his condition. I told Esser confidentially that Becker has been under psychiatric care for the last couple of years, has done CPE work, has gotten good recommendations from St. Joseph's Hospital and the approval of his psychiatrist to be in ministry once again in this type of setting. Esser felt much relieved about this and concurs that Becker needs to have a chance at reestablishing his reputation once again.

10/25/84

37. Becker, Franklyn
On Friday evening, April 19, 1985, while presiding over a confirmation at St. John Parish in South Milwaukee, I noted that Father Franklyn Becker acted as sponsor for a young man being confirmed.

RJS

820. Becker, Franklyn

Father Tony Karls, pastoral director at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison called to say that Becker had applied for a chaplaincy there which is currently available and had given my name as a reference. I told Karls that Becker had permission to seek a chaplaincy job, that we would offer him one in Milwaukee if one were available and that there was no reason why Becker could not do an adequate job given the experience he had at St. Joseph's Hospital and the recommendation he got from them. Karls was glad to hear this and said that he would send Becker the rest of the applications. I did not mention any of Becker's difficulties to Karls but I will now talk to Bishop O'Donnell. I was not aware that Becker had made application for this position.

7/12/84

832. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Bishop George Wirz (608-257-5000) about Becker's application at St. Mary's Medical Center. Wirz was extremely negative toward the idea of Becker becoming a chaplain there when he heard the story. [redacted]

[redacted]

I told him that I understood and that I would ask Becker to withdraw his application. I told Wirz that I did not want to discuss this matter over the phone directly with Father Karls and Wirz understood my reason and position.

7/13/84

841. Becker, Franklyn

He and I met at my request and I discussed the contents of Dr. [redacted] letter with him. I made it clear that while I could go along with Dr. [redacted] recommendation that he not be assigned to the convent over here, he definitely would not be assigned to a parish at this time. He is somewhat disappointed about this and mentioned that there are a number of other priests in the Archdiocese, e.g., [redacted], who have become pastors with similar backgrounds. I pointed out that maybe an incident or two occurred in the past but they did not have bad reputations that Becker has. I also pointed out the legal ramification and some of the law suits that are currently going on in the United States. I also asked him to withdraw his application from St. Mary's Medical Center in Madison and requested that he not apply for any position outside the Diocese without first talking to me so I can approach the local bishop before he makes application. We had what I thought was a very positive conversation in general. I told him that he had been very cooperative and asked him to be patient now as we "go the last mile". I also told him that we were going to assign him to West Allis Memorial Hospital as soon as that position opened. He seemed agreeable to this and said that this month and next he is working part time at St. Joseph's Hospital. I told him to inquire there as to whether a position will open in the future.

7/18/84

887. Becker, Franklyn

He called to say that he has been offered part-time work for the month of September at St. Joseph Hospital and wondered if that would fit in with our plans for him. I told him to take the job at St. Joe's for September and that the position at West Allis would open up when we found a place for the present chaplain. I told him the position was his when it opened up.

8/10/84

544. Becker, Franklyn

He called to see how things were going about getting approval for his new job. I told him of my discussion with Archbishop Weakland last Saturday in which the Archbishop told me that last Wednesday when he was in Green Bay, Bishops Maida and Morneau cornered him and gave him the impression that they did not approve of Father Becker becoming chaplain at the Winnebago Mental Health Hospital. Becker did not seem completely surprised at this although he said he needs an answer rather soon because he is scheduled for a physical exam on Wednesday and intended to look for an apartment at the same time. I told him that I would wait during this week to see if any word is forthcoming from Green Bay. In the meantime Becker intends to go through with the physical but not to do any serious apartment seeking. Becker told me that any negative reports on him in the Green Bay area could very well come from [redacted] in Bishop Maida's Tribunal. Becker said that he thinks [redacted] is under some surveillance in the Green Bay area.

4/23/84

564. Becker, Franklyn

I called Msgr. Roy Klister, the chancellor, to discuss what could be said to the Winnebago Institution about Becker turning down the job. I was surprised when Klister told me that he knew nothing about this. I told him that in my discussion with Bishop Maida, Maida had said that he was going to discuss this right away with Msgr. Klister. I then reviewed the situation and told Klister that I was quite sure that Bishop Maida intended to convey through Archbishop Weakland his decision not to allow Becker to assume that position and that the matter was settled. Klister is in the middle of this whole thing as I am with Mr. [redacted] from the State Hospital who hired Becker. Klister said that he wanted to talk to Bishop Maida and then would get back to me. Later he called me to say that I was right and that Bishop Maida would not change his mind on allowing Becker to take up the position even if it meant that he would be restricted to ministry only at the Winnebago site. I told Klister I would ask Becker to simply call [redacted] and to simply inform him that he has decided against taking the job. Later I did this and Becker said that he would handle the matter in that way. I told him that I would contact John Nesseth and see what other positions were open in the country for hospital chaplains. He said that his psychiatrist is encouraging him to go into hospital ministry or campus ministry and he is looking at a campus ministry position somewhere in another diocese.

4/30/84

242. Becker, Franklyn

Father John Nesseth called to say that Reverend Stan Joergenson, Director of Pastoral Care at the VA Center, had just called Nesseth to say that he would not accept Becker as chaplain at VA. Evidently, Joergenson checked with one or more priests in the area and found out about Becker's past history. I told Nesseth to convey to Joergenson my own strong feeling that Joergenson should discuss this with Becker after leading him on all the way to thinking he had the position and also to ask Joergenson why he would not give a person who is trying to start over a chance. Later, I called Father Becker and told him the bad news. I asked him to contact the state hospital in Winnebago and nail down that position. Unfortunately, he told me that he has already told them that he would not be available. I had asked him to keep the lines of communication open in case the VA thing fell through. Becker said that he also has an appointment in Orange, California on April 1 for a interview in a hospital out there.

3/7/84

496. Becker, Franklyn

He told me that he was out to St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange, California to look into the position of hospital chaplain that was offered there. By the time he had arrived there, however, they had chosen another priest for the position. Therefore, he has accepted the position at the Winnebago Health Center in Oshkosh. He will begin there on May 1, 1984. The contact person for the position is [redacted] Winnebago, Wisconsin 54985. Telephone: [redacted] Becker asked if I would take care of the necessary follow-up and paperwork. I told him I would do that and be in contact with him.

4/11/84

522. Becker, Franklyn

I called Bishop Maida of Green Bay because it was impossible for me to get there to see him in person before Easter. We discussed the situation of Father Becker without my mentioning Becker's name. I gave him full disclosure of what the situation was and asked him if he would be willing to give the man faculties for work at the Mental Institution at Winnebago. Maida was quite understanding and said that he certainly would get back to me before Easter. He told me that he wanted to discuss this a bit further with Bishop Morneau and also with Msgr. Klister. I assured him that if Becker were to be accepted, I would see to it that he continues his psychotherapy and that if anything went wrong we would have Becker out of the Green Bay Diocese within 24 hours and that Becker would be suspended.

4/17/84

527. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to [redacted] at the Winnebago Hospital [redacted] He expects Becker to begin work sometime between May 7 and May 14. He has already spoken to Father Mercatoris and Msgr. Klister in the Green Bay Diocese. Becker's starting salary will be $17,780.63. In a couple of months that will increase to $21,336. In about six months it will increase 2-3%. He will be given a state pension and the right to an insurance program which will by an HMO or Blue Cross/Blue Shield (with a slight additional cost). He will receive two weeks vacation per year and three weeks at the end of five years. I told him that I would go ahead and try to work out the ecclesiastical details with the two dioceses.

4/18/84

1183. Becker, Franklyn
Fathers Metz and Nesseth met with me to discuss Becker's recent evaluation at St. Joseph Hospital's CPE program. The evaluation was positive and showed that Becker had the capability of becoming a hospital chaplain. It also showed that there had been much personal growth in the last several months. It also indicated that Becker desired to work for about six months or more in a hospital setting before returning to a second course in CPE. It was agreed that I would contact St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee to see if they would give him a position (even unpaid) for about six months with supervision. If this does not work out, Nesseth will look into the situation at St. Michael's Hospital.

12/21/83

6. Becker, Franklyn
I spoke to Mrs. [redacted] at St. Mary's Hospital and asked her to give consideration to Becker as a part or full-time chaplain for approximately six months. She said no position was available but would give it some consideration when she speaks to Sister Aurelia. It may be that Becker might be able to work there in an unpaid position.

1/3/84

29. Becker, Franklyn
Mrs. [redacted], pastoral director at St. Mary's Hospital, called to say that Sister Aurelia has decided it will not be feasible to offer a position to Father Becker at this time. The main reason they are giving is that they will not be able to adequately supervise him because their pastoral care department is in the process of evolution and they do not have a full-time pastoral care director. I thanked her for the consideration that was given and now will ask Father Nesseth to see what can be done at St. Michael's Hospital.

1/10/84

54. Becker, Franklyn
I spoke to his psychiatrist, Dr. [redacted] I explained that things were not going well in our being able to find a job for Becker. I wanted to know what [redacted] would think about Becker pursuing work outside the diocese in the health care field. [redacted] thought that if it were not too far away, Becker might be able to come in on a regular basis for the psychotherapy that he needs and which is the highest priority in his situation. He is going to discuss this with Becker on Thursday and I will talk to Becker on Friday. Later in the day I spoke to Father Nesseth and he told me that it looked like there was a place in Oshkosh opening up at the mental health center there. I asked him to pursue this and see if it might be available for Becker. In the evening Becker called to say that Father O'Donnell had offered him a help-out position for the month of February at St. Joseph Hospital and wondered if he could take it. I told him to go ahead. Becker said in passing that maybe this could lead to a full-time job at St. Joseph's which would be ideal.

1/17/84

60. Becker, Franklyn
He came to see me to discuss the possibility of a job in hospital ministry. I informed him that right now there was nothing available in Milwaukee but that a position, I am told, is available in Oshkosh. I pointed out to him that there is a CPE Program in Oshkosh that he could tie into down the line. He seemed to like the idea and agreed to make application next week for the position. It will allow him to return weekly for his appointments with his therapist. We then talked to Father Michael Newman and settled the matter of Becker's salary and benefits for the months of January and February. Hopefully, he will be located in a new job by March 1.

1/20/84

1110. Becker, Franklyn

I met with him and his psychiatrist, Dr. [redacted] Street, Hales Corners [redacted] told me that he felt that he and Becker were getting into a very good type of trust relationship. [redacted] feels that Becker is being honest with him and that if the stress and tension of sexual problems becomes too great, he feels Becker will have the confidence to call him before acting out any of his urges. [redacted] reviewed Becker's request that he be given a chance to reenter parish ministry rather than continue in the health chaplaincy field. [redacted] concurs that the chaplaincy field could produce more stress and tension than would be good for Becker. Becker explained that this is due mainly to the fact that he is often on call at night and also finds it difficult to cope with the death and dying phase of his ministry. I reviewed for both [redacted] and Becker my own conviction that Becker should not go back to the parish ministry at this time. I pointed out to [redacted] the risks of personnel involvement and attachment to young men who are constantly around the parish. I also pointed out Becker's bad reputation among his fellow priests and the strong likelihood that it would be extremely difficult to find a parish that would accept him unless he would go outside the diocese which would also jeopardize the professional relationship he had with Dr. [redacted] I think [redacted] came to see the picture a little more clearly as I explained some of the past situations that had occurred. He agrees that Becker needs a stable assignment in order to regain a good reputation. I asked that the health ministry be reconsidered and got Becker to admit that part of the stress he is involved in now centers around the fact that he is not only going to school full time but he is also working on a part-time basis at St. Joseph's Hospital. Following his CPE training, this particular work load would be reduced somewhat. I told them that I wanted to consult with Father O'Donnell at St. Joseph Hospital to see how Becker was doing and also with Nesseth to see just what would be involved in hospital chaplaincy as far as night calls, etc. [redacted] and Becker agreed to reconsider the whole thing and I told them that I would be in touch with them in the near future.

11/23/83

1142. Becker, Franklyn

Fathers Nesseth, Metz, and I met to discuss Becker's situation. I explained to them that his therapist and Becker have agreed to reconsider the idea of Becker working in the hospital ministry (for a while they felt that this ministry would not be what Becker needs at this time). Both Nesseth and Metz feel that it has to be told to Becker that there is no other choice in this Archdiocese but to comply with this type of ministry. Later on Nesseth contacted Father Becker and found out that Becker's evaluation in CPE this week went very well. Becker suggested that he would be willing to take another unit of CPE hopefully at a place like the hospital in Mendota, Wisconsin under the direction of Father Donald Shmauz. Nesseth was happy to hear about this and set up a meeting with O'Donnell, Becker, himself and myself for next week when we will discuss this further. It looks like Becker may have reconsidered and come around to our way of thinking.

12/2/83

1152. Becker, Franklyn

Father Nesseth shared with me and Father Metz Becker's CPE report (as reported by Becker). It is a good report in the sense that Becker retraces his personal history that led up to his CPE work rather accurately. It is also clear from his own statement that he understands that the alternatives for ministry have run out and that he is expected to make the best of hospital ministry. Now Nesseth and I will meet with Becker and with Father Richard O'Donnell of St. Joseph Hospital to discuss the CPE report from the standpoint of his supervisors.

12/5/83

687. Becker, Franklyn
Father Nesseth called to see if I had any information, and I told him of my conversation with Mrs. [redacted] and that she would be getting back to me as soon as she spoke to Sister Aurelia about the possibility of Becker becoming part-time chaplain at St. Mary's and full time in CPE. Nesseth said that O'Donnell called him from St. Joseph Hospital and said they needed some help the first week in August. I told him to get a hold of Becker and have Becker do that work.

7/20/83

685. Becker, Franklyn
I spoke to Mrs. [redacted] from St. Mary's Hospital who told me that Sister Aurelia, president, and she had decided that they would not be able to hire Becker even on a temporary basis even while he receives CPE. They still feel he was too apprehensive about all the duties that were entailed in their job description. She also sensed a personality problem with Becker of a non-descript nature. She said that his lack of training would be the biggest factor for him not being hired.

7/25/83

698. Becker, Franklyn
He told me that he has been accepted at St. Luke Hospital for CPE but Father O'Donnell at St. Joseph's Hospital is interested in him working there part time. It looks as though O'Donnel may be able to offer him a CPE course at St. Joseph's and some part-time work on the side. I told Becker that he should work this out with Nesseth and to let me know what has been decided. Becker also said that he had been talking to [redacted] at St. Michael's and finds out that the position there is still open but that they are probably looking for a religious order priest.

8/5/83

799. Becker, Franklyn
He told me that he is anxiously looking forward to CPE. He said that he never thought he would become interested in hospital work but finds it more and more interesting and enjoyable as he helps out at St. Joseph's and in the other hospitals. He thinks it will be a fine career for him in the future. He told me he would like to remain in residence at the Bethany House at least during his CPE. I told him that we would have to see about the availability but that I thought something could be worked out. I told him also that we wanted to work out a new status for him and figure out everything that had to do with his salary. I told him that he would be expected to pay room and board but that the diocese would cover his CPE expense. He seemed to be very cooperative and happy.

8/29/83

864. Becker, Franklyn
I discussed his salary and other temporal arrangements with Father Michael Newman. The arrangement that Newman will discuss with Becker is this: Salary, health insurance, room and board (Bethany House) from the Archdiocese plus CPE tuition. Becker will be on his own for car expenses. He will be permitted the $125 per month he receives from helping out at St. Mary's Nursing Home but the amount he receives from his part-time work at St. Joseph's Hospital will be a component of the total salary he receives from the Archdiocese.

9/17/83

543. Becker, Franklyn

I told him that there quite likely would be a position for him at St. Mary's Hospital. He showed interest and so I told him that I would talk to Nesseth about further details on Monday. He will have to interview with Nesseth and with St. Mary's Hospital. Becker told me that he has been going to Father Jack Raynaldo, SJ for spiritual direction and finds this to be very helpful and productive. I asked Becker to see Dr. [redacted] next week about arranging for a weekly session of psychotherapy. I told Becker if this could be done by a psychologist, all the better. Becker has a psychiatrist in mind and I told him to check with [redacted] first. Becker seemed very cooperative throughout the conversation then he told me of his extreme anger with [redacted] who has had a couple of men sleep over at the residence when Metz was away. Becker claims that [redacted] meets these people at his AA meetings, and I told Becker that if this is going on, [redacted] will "hang himself." I told Becker it would not be good for him to let his anger get the best of him over this and so we talked it out and he felt better. I told him I will be happier when he has a psychotherapist that he can share some of these feelings with. Becker realized that he probably would not get the job at Divine Savior-Holy Angels because of his lack of qualifications. He seemed to be in an excellent mood, and he told me he was really working hard on his personal problems.

6/10/83

554. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to Father John Nesseth about Father Becker and a possible assignment for him at St. Mary's Hospital. Nesseth will now talk to representatives from St. Mary's about this before Becker interviews. Later on, I spoke to Dr. [redacted] and told him that we wanted Becker to undergo psychotherapy but only once a week. [redacted] said that he could take care of that for Becker if Becker was comfortable with him. I told the doctor of the possibility of him working at St. Mary's Hospital, and [redacted] has no problem with that. When I asked how the matter of the pediatric ward should be handled, [redacted] felt there would be no problem if Becker ministered to those people because they would not be there on a long-term basis to provide Becker with the opportunity of establishing a relationship with them. I told the doctor that when St. Mary's Hospital does some checking they may get some very negative feedback about Becker. I told him I thought it would be good if we could have St. Mary's talk to [redacted] if necessary. He is going to work that matter out with Becker so that he can be supportive of Becker to St. Mary's.

6/13/83

660. Becker, Franklyn

Father Nesseth called to say that St. Mary's Hospital reported that the interview with Becker for the chaplaincy position there did not go well. They got the impression that Becker was not all that interested in serious hospital ministry and the accountability that it requires. They thought that he was looking for something a lot easier. Nesseth asked me to pursue this with Mrs. [redacted] Director of the Pastoral Ministry Department [redacted] because I know [redacted] personally. When I spoke to her, she restated their position that they are having some difficulty with Becker's attitude. I told her that our plan would be to assign him part time with continuing education in clinical pastoral education. Following that a decision could be made as to his continuing at St. Mary's. She sounded willing to do this and said she would explore this further with Sister Aurelia, the hospital administrator. [redacted] will call me back.

7/19/83

468. Becker, Franklyn

Becker and I met with Dr. [redacted] the psychiatrist, for [redacted] report and interpretation of the Wausau evaluation of Becker [redacted] liked the Wausau procedure. He said it was very adequate and accomplished what we wanted it to do. The only thing he would have preferred would be to have the actual results of the MMPI and the Rorschach test so that he could interpret them himself rather than have them computerized.). [redacted] told me that Becker is an ego-centronic (verses ego-distonic), pedophile and homosexual. This means that he has no mechanism to stop once he develops the urge to act out these characteristics. Usually such action will take place under stress. In Becker's case due to a rebellion against authority. [redacted] said he is not pessimistic as the people at Wausau. He said there are a couple of ways this situation can be approached all of which depend, of course, on Becker's willingness to alter his behavior. The ideal way would be psychoanalysis approximately four times per week for the next four to five years. The second way would be through analytic psychotherapy which could occur about one hour per week. In both cases there is no guarantee that Becker will be cured. The key in all of this is Becker's desire to be cured. We then spoke about assignment possibilities. [redacted] said that in his opinion, parish ministry is out of the question. The best assignment for Becker would be to an all-girls' college or high school, e.g., Divine Savior-Holy Angels. The second best would be to a geriatric nursing home or hospital setting. The next possibility would be full-time campus ministry. [redacted] realizes the possibility of homosexual encounters but pointed out that these are consenting adults not children and it is their decision rather than a seductive process. I asked [redacted] what he thought about hospital chaplaincy. He said that he would have no problem with this because very few hospitals have large pediatric wards and with CPE and under supervision he did not feel that this type of assignment would be bad for Becker. Becker did a little bit of protesting throughout this session and his anger flared at times. Frequently, he would remind me of so and so, and so and so who is doing this and that and getting away with it. I finally told him very plainly that we did not intend to play any more games with him. The past is past. We know and have identified his problem, and it is up to him now to demonstrate whether or not he really wants to be a priest. I told him we would probably enjoin some sanctions on him, e.g., the next time we get a complaint he will be suspended. This external force or pressure should help motivate him, I thought, and Dr. [redacted] concurred. Becker was agreeable to all of this, and I told him that I wanted to discuss this further with the Archbishop and that when I got back from my vacation we would map out a program for Becker. In the meantime, I asked him to get under the direction of a spiritual director. [redacted] thought it would be best if that person were a male. I gave Becker the names of three priests and asked him to contact each one of them. Actually that was [redacted] suggestion. He wants Becker to see each one of them several times to ascertain which one he feels most comfortable with. These priests are Father Oesterhaus, Raynaldo (both from Marquette High School), and Father Francis Dombrowski of the Capuchins. Becker agreed to do this.

5/10/83

477. Becker, Franklyn

I told him to arrange for an interview with Dr. [redacted] at Divine Savior/Holy Angels High School to see how his chances stood for an assignment there. He agreed to do this. I told him if he received a position like that he might be required to take some courses to get some certification. He has no problem with that.

5/12/83

318. District Attorney

1. Without any names mentioned and off the record I described the situation regarding Franklyn Becker to E. Michael McCann, the District Attorney. His reaction immediately was that the priest has been given adequate warnings and enough chances and that he should not be assigned anywhere where he could come in contact with youngsters. This precludes practically any kind of assignment. His advice was that we restrict him from ministry for about five years and if no complaints come forth in that time then perhaps he can be given another chance.

2. He asked me about a situation at St. John de Nepomuc involving slot machines. I told him that [redacted] collected old slot machines and every Monday night at a gathering of priests (AA group) in for a meeting, following the meeting they all played the slot machines. McCann was relieved to hear this but wants to track down where the complaint came from because he feels this would be an unsavory news item if it hit the press. Although he does not know whether this is illegal or not.

3/15/83

346. Becker, Franklyn

I met with him to request that he see Dr. [redacted], a psychiatrist for an opinion about his recent evaluation. I pointed out that we have some problems to deal with in assigning him and we all need more advice from professional people. Becker was very cooperative, signed the necessary letters of release, and will make an appointment today. He restated the fact that he wants to work as a priest and feels that he can do so responsibly in parish ministry. He told me that he has been inquiring about campus ministry in Illinois and Michigan where positions are open at the present. He asked if I had any objection to this, and I told him that I thought it ought to be discussed in the context of the total situation for which he is seeing Dr. [redacted] I told Becker that any priest who receives permission to work in another diocese needs to be recommended by the Archbishop and myself and that we feel very strongly about letting another diocese know if any problems are involved in a priest's situation. The next step is for Becker to see [redacted] and then I will meet with [redacted] and Becker.

3/23/83

366. Becker, Franklyn

He told me that he had made an appointment and will be seeing Dr. [redacted] on Wednesday, March 30.

3/26/83

410. Becker, Franklyn

Father Metz told me that yesterday he observed Father Becker coming out of the transitional residence for priests with a young boy. Metz recognized the boy as the same one Becker took on the Caribbean vacation late last year.

4/6/83

176. Becker, Franklyn
He and I received the report of his recent evaluation by the Wausau Mental Health Associates. The results are as follows:

1. In his spiritual assessment [redacted] OFM Cap. indicated the need for Becker to have a regular spiritual director. I told Becker that I would furnish him with a list of recommended spiritual directors in the Milwaukee Area.

2. The results of his physical examination were all normal except for some lab tests that showed a few abnormalities in the blood and urine. It was recommended to Becker that he have himself retested by his private physician in a couple of months to see if there are any fluctuations in these lab tests.

3. The psychological assessment shows that Becker is normal in every way. However, it did clearly indicated Becker's gay orientation and gay activity. The report forecasts that unless Becker is willing to control himself, there is a definite likelihood that the conduct of the past will be repeated. Dr. [redacted] said that their recommendation would be to have Becker assigned to a desk job somewhere where the temptations that would result from associating with young boys would not be present. I told him that there was little likelihood that this was possible to achieve. However, I said that a hospital chaplaincy where Becker would be under strict surveillance might be possible. Becker indicated that he was not interested at all in hospital work.

In the discussion that followed Becker continued to maintain his innocence claiming that all the accusations of the past were false and misinterpreted. [redacted] and I tried to point out to him that this is not the way others interpret his actions and behavior. He will never be able to succeed unless he does something to curb his associations with single males and also his lack of good judgement. [redacted] said that the report clearly showed that Becker has a need "to speak out on issues," particularly in the area of gay rights. I pointed out the problem was the manner in which Becker had been speaking out which was not in conformity with the Church's rhetoric on the matter. Becker said he admired Archbishop Weakland very much for the strong stand he took for gay rights in his Catholic Herald article. I told Becker there was a world of difference between that and the way Becker has spoken out to the news media. I asked Becker what kind of counseling he would give a person who wanted to live a gay life style. Becker said he would have to judge each case individually and would probably refer the person to the local Dignity Chapter where Becker said he could get advice from 30 to 40 priests about this kind of behavior. Before the interview ended it was decided that I would study the report further and discuss it with the Archbishop, and then we would procede to see what kind of an appointment we could arrange for Becker. I told Becker it might be important for him to meet together with the entire Personnel Board in the near future. He is willing to do this. It will probably be necessary for us to readjust his status now from sick leave to awaiting assignment.

2/14/83

310. Becker, Franklyn
He called me from Sienadale where he had celebrated the 8 o'clock Mass for the sisters. Both he and the sisters agreed that it would not be financially feasible to pay him to drive down each day for the celebration of Mass. They feel that they will be better off by driving to one of the parishes in the neighborhood. I told Becker that was fine and that the sisters should make their own arrangements from now on. Later I spoke to Father Nesseth. He is more convinced than ever that Becker should not be assigned to hospital ministry because of the potentially dangerous temptations that might present themselves.

3/14/83

2. Becker, Franklyn
I spoke to Father Terrance Flynn at the St. Luke Institute in Washington. He told me they would be willing to do a complete evaluation of Father Becker, but the earliest available date they have for this is March 7 - 10. Later I spoke to [redacted] and he agreed that this is too long a time to wait. I told [redacted] that I would look into some other possibilities and contact him again soon.

1/3/83

15. Becker, Franklyn
Mrs. [redacted] called to say that she simply wanted to put in a good word for Becker. She knows he is under some pressure at the parish and would like to support him. She sees him as growing, improving, opening up, something she feels others do not see. She describes him as shy at first but then warm, caring, and kind and gentle. I thanked her for her support for Becker. She assured me that she was doing this on her own and that no one had put her up to it.

1/5/83

33. Becker, Franklyn
I ran into him at the Marquette basketball game. He has already begun to move into the priests' residence on 35th Street. I told him that we had him tentatively scheduled for evaluation at the Wausau Clinic the end of this month. He is willing to do this. He and I will discuss this more in detail next Tuesday when I have dinner at the house.

1/11/83

112. "Father X"
Father X is Franklyn Becker for the purpose of this news note. I received a letter from Mrs. [redacted] Whitefish Bay, 53217, Telephone: [redacted] It expressed her concern for Becker. She has known him for 11 years and has become a confidant of hers. She realizes his weakness and knows the situations which led to many of his uprootings. She now hopes that we will follow through with psychiatric or psychological help for him. I spoke to her on the phone, and she told me I could share her letter with Becker's doctors. She probably would be willing to be part of a confrontation with Becker if need be, but she is somewhat reluctant of my sharing the letter with him immediately. What is disturbing is the fact that Becker continues to associate with the young boy he took on the cruise from St. John's Parish in South Milwaukee. Most recently, they both attended the permanent diaconate ordination at the Cathedral. He is also seeing a boy from St. Eugene's Parish in violation of the wishes of the boy's mother [redacted] I asked Mrs. [redacted] to have the mother of that boy contact me to discuss this matter further. Mrs. [redacted] thinks that Becker is going to go through motions with us only and that he feels he can continue living his present life style. She hopes he can be helped but is somewhat pessimistic. She is willing to cooperate with us in any way that she can. Right now Becker is angry at her because she has criticized him for hanging around with both of these young boys. She feels that he will be back to see her eventually. She is like a "confessor" to him.

1/29/83

1120. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to [redacted] who told me that Becker made an appointment with him for after the holidays. [redacted] feels that Becker is simply going through motions because I am asking him to enter psychotherapy. [redacted] wonders whether Becker is treatable in this state. Later I spoke to [redacted] DRE at St. John, South Milwaukee. He feels that Becker is a very sick person who needs some type of help. He talks about Becker tormenting the blind musician at the parish. Also, he mentioned the incident of the 7th grade student who accompanied Becker to the Caribbean. He said that for a while Becker was turning him and others against Father Bill Heffron. Now these people realize how Becker had manipulated them. He also stated that Becker had made some inappropriate remarks from the pulpit and in the sacristy. [redacted] said that I could use this information with discretion and that he intends to speak directly to Becker about these matters. I also spoke to [redacted] She is the [redacted] at the parish. She too spoke of her frustration with Becker. She mentioned the incident about the piano and claims that he manipulated her to getting more involved in that issue than she really wanted to be. Now he has hidden her microphone out of spite. She claims he works the staff against the staff in a very manipulative manner and that he has been caught time and time again in lies. Each time he gets very angry. He has called her a "two-faced sob" in public. She feels pity toward him and thinks he needs some kind of help.

12/14/82

1131. Becker, Franklyn

When we met, he did not like my decision that he had to move from St. John's. He had hoped it would be possible to work with the next pastor, particularly if that were Father Anderson. I told him that our concern was that no pastor at this point will work with Father Becker. I told him we wanted to help him help himself and that I was not sure if [redacted] could provide the help that Becker needs at this point. Becker suggested that we let [redacted] be the one to decide that. I changed his appointed from January 4 to December 22. After he and [redacted] have discussed the matter for a while I will join in the discussion. I spoke to him about the possibility of a complete evaluation at a clinic in Washington, and he said that he would be very willing to cooperate with that. We spoke about him residing at the transitional priests' residence. He is willing to do that, but does not know what he will do with all his furniture at the rectory which he claims belongs to him. He also asked that he not be put on sick leave because this would be publicized around the Archdiocese. I told him I would talk to Derfus about it.

12/20/82

1140. Becher, Franklyn

He called to say that he had been thinking things over since our meeting yesterday. He now feels that he wants to see his personnel file, then he wants an appointment with the Archbishop, and then he wants to look into Due Process against [redacted] for the way he was treated at St. John's. I told him that I would let him speak to [redacted] about making an appointment with the Archbishop and suggested we talk about the other matters when we meet with [redacted] tomorrow. He seemed very agreeable to this.

12/21/82

1142. Becker, Franklyn

Due to unforeseen circumstances I did not arrive for the meeting with Becker and [redacted] until it was over and Becker had already left. I spoke briefly to [redacted] who told me they had a good meeting and that Becker is ready to undergo the psychiatric evaluation at the St. Luke Institute in Washington.

12/22/82

1104. Becker, Franklyn

Father Hornacek reported that Father Anderson is not sure whether he can assume the pastorate if he has to work with Becker. Later [redacted], the DRE at St. John's, called to express her grave concern for Becker remaining at St. John's Parish. She said that the piano incident is not over yet. Becker lied through this ordeal, she claims, and supposedly said that he would disband the parish council if ever he would get in charge. She does not trust him, but claims his initiative is good and his methods or approach are bad. The parish staff meetings have disbanded recently because of him. She objected to the fact that he took a Caribbean vacation at the height of the parish business. Worse yet, he took along a 7th or 8th grade child which has shocked many people. About three months ago, Becker told [redacted] and Tom Kalp, transitional deacon, that Becker is a homosexual. However, she quickly pointed out that she has never seen him make any overtures to others, especially children. He gave a retreat last summer to high schoolers and three times she was disturbed by his dwelling on the idea that people should be open to each other's sexual preferences. She claims Becker has gotten many negative letters about the piano incident. She strongly feels that he needs psychological help. I told her, confidentially, that we were working with him along these lines. She claims he has turned Heffron into a liar by his manipulative tactics. She claims that Becker harrassed [redacted] musician by following her and poking her deliberately in the back. This morning at the 8 o'clock Mass he spoke from the lectern about the piano issue trying to sway the people in that direction (On December 19 the parish council will decided on the piano--I told her about the need for a proxy). [redacted] hopes I will not have to use her name but she gave me permission to do so if necessary. Later on I spoke to Mr. [redacted], parish council president, at St. John's. He expressed his grave concern also for Father Becker. [redacted] feels that Becker is in need of psychological treatment. He said that the parish council is very disturbed about Becker, and I told [redacted] that Becker claims no one has ever confronted him about their feelings toward him. [redacted] said this simply was not true, but he agreed that in a very short time he and some of the other council members should talk to Becker about their concerns. I told him, confidentially, that I was working with Becker to get him treatment. I pointed out that I would follow through and that he could assure the people that even if Becker stayed for a little while longer, it would be under the supervision of the Archdiocese. [redacted] said he felt better about this, and I reminded him of the need for a proxy if the piano issue comes up. I told him we would have a temporary administrator there when Father Heffron leaves. This satisfied [redacted]. He told me that a few of the council members and he would confront Becker with their feelings toward him. This is to clear up any ambiguity in Becker's life about the people's feelings toward him.

12/10/82

1060. Becker, Franklyn

Father Heffron told me he is very upset because Becker has been acting very strangely since Heffron received his new assignment. There have been several incidents which exhibited Becker's extremely poor judgement. The most recent was Becker's acceptance of a chaplaincy for one week on a Caribbean cruise. Heffron did not object to this but later has found out that Becker has taken a 7th grade boy on the trip with him. Heffron has been in contact with the boy's mother who now realizes her mistake. I told Heffron that we were going to assign Becker to a sick leave and get him back into therapy with [redacted] I spoke to [redacted] later in the day and he concurred that this is necessary procedure at this time.

12/1/82

1085. Becker, Franklyn

We met, but before I even said anything he knew that I was going to confront him about recent events that he was involved in at the parish. He had long explanations for the matter of the piano and tried to convince me that all the hubbub was not his fault but rather it was due to indecision on the part of Father Heffron and Heffron's vacillation. As regards taking a 7th grader on a Caribbean trip, he stated that he had just mentioned in passing that it would be good to have the boy as an altar boy. This was immediately picked up by the boy and his parents who arranged everything after that. Becker assured me that he had no physical contact with the boy although he admitted that they shared the same cabin (separate beds) and that they told the crew and passengers that the boy was Becker's nephew. When I showed Becker how both of these incidents looked to others, he admitted that in both cases he used bad judgement. I informed him that the Personnel Board has suggested that he be removed from the parish, and I expressed my own feeling that we would have a hard time getting the new pastor to work with Becker. He said that Father Anderson has looked at the place and has indicated to Becker that he would be willing to work with him (Hornacek met with Anderson who said that he could work with Becker until next spring). I told Becker that we were not sure that Anderson would be the pastor and that there could be problems for Becker if someone else is named the pastor. I asked Becker to see [redacted] immediately and discuss the possibility of the group therapy session that begins in January. Becker agreed to do this at once, and asked me not to remove him from the parish. Then he asked if he could be the temporary administrator in the interim, and I told him this would be impossible. I pointed out that if people are indeed afraid of Becker's indiscrete activity, they would be on the Archbishop's and my doorstep as soon as Heffron is gone to protest Becker's being named temporary administrator. I told him that this decision was in his interest as well as our own. He seemed to see the logic behind it, and when he asked whom we were considering and I told him it was Father Mackin, he was very pleased and releaved.

12/7/82

740. Becker, Franklyn

[redacted] called to say that his brother and sister-in-law who live in St. John's Parish are worried about the relationship that exists between Becker and their teenage son. Becker is lavishing gifts and attention on the boy and the two are spending a lot of time together. I told [redacted] it would be helpful if the parents of the boy went directly to Becker and informed him they wanted this to stop.

8/17/82

806. Becker, Franklyn

Father Heffron came to see me today to say that Father Becker could no longer be the associate pastor there. He said the alternative would be that he himself would resign as pastor. I told him that was not acceptable because it would not be good for the parish. He claims Becker is lazy, causes trouble, and lacks common sense. It grates at Heffron to see someone receive a salary for doing nothing. The parish secretary and others in the parish are complaining about Becker. People are asking Heffron to have their weddings and funerals to avoid Becker. Heffron recalls that when Becker was sent there it was with the understanding that if things did not work out, Becker would go. It was his last chance. Heffron feels as though he has bent over backwards to help Becker but it is beginning to take a toll on him. Now he will confront Becker with this and tell him that he has seen me. Then he will write a letter to me about this and I will discuss the matter with the Personnel Board next week for a recommendation.

9/2/82

947. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to [redacted] about the possibility of his being a part of the confrontation of Becker by me and Hornacek and Heffron. [redacted] feels it would be better for us to do the confrontation and then suggests that he follow up with Becker as his therapist.

11/1/82

32. Becker, Franklyn

Yesterday, Heffron contacted me with the information that the mother of one of the seventh grade boys told him that Becker was associating rather intimately with her son. The son claimed that he held is hand in the movie and touched him rather improperly in a swimming session. I told Heffron that we had to move on this immediately and decided to meet with him, Becker, and the parents of this boy on Saturday. When we met, Becker was completely floored at the accusation. He admitted that he had been rather closely associating with this boy, who was one of the very first he met at the parish. The parents commended him for taking some interest in their boy and they rather apologetically inferred to Becker about what the boy had said. Becker swore up and down that his motives were good and that nothing was out of order. The parents believed this, in fact the father of the boy apologized to Becker for even accusing him of this. There was little I could do at this stage but knowing Becker's background I am sure that his judgement was very poor. After the parents left, I asked Becker to get in touch with [redacted] I had spoked to [redacted] the day before and told him that I was considering relieving Becker of his job at the parish. After meeting with the parents, however, I decided to not press the issue at this point. Heffron seemed pleased with the outcome also.

1/10/81

414. Becker, Franklyn

I spoke to [redacted] about Becker's progress. He said that recently Becker has been avoiding him. He wants to see Becker once a week and Becker is making all kinds of excuses to get out of those meetings. [redacted] feels as though Becker is not facing up to his personal problems. I explained my fears to [redacted] that Becker is now grinding his ax in a public forum. [redacted] felt that Becker, himself, and I ought to sit down together and confront the implications of such a situation. I am going to ask Becker to meet at [redacted] office next week Wednesday at 4 p.m.

3/4/81

892. Becker, Franklyn

[redacted] reports that there is some progress being made with Becker. He finally is beginning to see that his biggest problem stems from his impetuosity under stress. [redacted] told me of a couple of instances recently when Becker was able to control himself. He continues to see [redacted] and I reminded him of the celibacy statement we are looking for. He said he has been after Becker to do this and will remind him of it.

6/8/81

711. Becker, Franklyn

I called him in because he wrote a nasty letter to the Personnel Board applying for Whitewater and at the same time derogating the characters of Wagner and Budzynski. He told me that he was in an angry mood when he wrote the letter. I told him how the new policy on open listing worked and we discussed Wagner and Budzynski briefly. I put him on the spot to produce evidence against the two but as I thought, it was hearsay and rumor only. He told me he is doing fine at the parish where he is stationed and enjoys it there. I warned him not to do anything rash or it could hurt not only others but himself as well. He seemed to take the warning well but one never knows.

8/9/82

44. F. BECKER

Vint told me that he has things worked out so that Becker can stay until the June appointments. Wittliff has agreed to this.

3/27/80

121. Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

[redacted] called regarding a debt she claims Becker owes her. She was referred by Don Weber. I told her I would look into the matter and get back to her.

4/16/80

130. F. Becker

Discussed [redacted] complaint with Franklyn Becker. He regrets the fact she called the Chancery Office and asks to deal with her directly. I suggested only that his paying her $25 00 a month will satisfy her. It might be the cheapest way around a potentially aggravating problem.

4/17/80

156. F. Becker

[redacted] called twice and I referred her, both times, directly to Becker for the purpose to resolve the financial bickering that exists between the two. I told her that the Archdiocese had no part in this and I could not take her place ot Becker's. She still seems to think that I am favoring Becker.

4/22/80

675. Becker, F.

Becker will be going to St. Eugene's Parish as Temporary Associate August 12. He hopes to stay there eventually depending on the wishes of the new pastor. If that does not happen, he wants to talk about a year's leave of absence for study purposes. I discouraged that idea and told him that I would like to discuss it further with him next week when he is in town. The Personnel Board see him going to St. John Kanty as Associate after St. Eugene's. I will also talk to him about some of the problems he is getting himself into by the way he talks publically about his life style.

8/8/80

747. Becker, Franklyn

We met to discuss his recent letter in which he applied for the associate pastor position at St. Eugene's parish if the new pastor would be agreeable to this. Otherwise, he wanted to take some time off for continuing study. After some discussion about his personal life style, he agreed that the situation at St. Margaret Mary had taught him an important lesson. He must not talk openly about the gay movement in a militant way. He assured me absolutely that he would cause no more problems along this line in the future if he got a position. I emphasized that he was not eligible for a parish as pastor and he agreed. I told him no decision could be made at St. Eugene's until a new pastor was there but that if it were not agreeable at that place we would find him a position as Associate. I told him he was free to apply for a short sabbatical but that a longer leave of absence for studies would be out of the question. We ended on a positive note.

8/21/80

825. Becker, Franklyn
He called to see if I could tell him who the new pastor of St. Eugene's was and I told him not yet. He wants to know what his status is there so that he can begin to work with programs on the parish level if he is going to stay. I told him that by the weekend we ought to be able to let him speak directly to the pastor.

9/3/80

902. Becker, Franklyn
I discussed Becker's future appointment after I told him that Msgr. [redacted] did not want him to remain at the parish. I suggested he contact Father Stoll to see if the position of associate there would work out. He is also interested in development at St. Cecilia's in Thiensville. I told him that [redacted] called and wanted to contact him. She feels as though he still owes her money. This dates back to spring and the news notes can be consulted for more detail. Becker asked me to call her and tell her that he would definitely get in touch with her as soon as he gets a permanent assignment.

9/18/80

929. Becker, Franklyn
[redacted] has informed Franklyn Becker that [redacted] wants him to leave the parish by October 1 or 6 at the latest. I spoke to [redacted] and he does not want the people at the parish to get the impression that there is something wrong with Becker and, therefore, wants him to move as soon as possible. I told him that I had been working on this but that it might take some time. I will contact Becker to see if we can't speed up the process of his leaving St. Eugene's.

9/27/80

944. Becker, Franklyn
Father Stoll informed me that he would prefer not to have Franklyn Becker as an associate. He has talked to another priest who is willing to consider being associate there. I spoke at great length to try to convince him that Becker needs a position under the guidance of someone who can call him to accountability. Stoll is afraid that if Becker's problem manifests itself in the samll community, the damage will be irreparable. I told him that Becker is now willing to settle down and needs one more chance. I told Stoll that we would help him work out a job description so that Becker would not be free to do as he pleases. Stoll's biggest worry is that if he leaves things up to Becker's initiative nothing will get done. Hornacek, Stoll, Becker, and I will sit down and discuss the matter further. I think it is time to make Becker aware of the fact that no priest wants to work with him.

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1011. Becker, Franklyn
Yesterday I spoke to Hornacek about Becker's situation and suggested that we try to locate Becker at St. John Kanty Parish with Kazmierczak. Hornacek agreed to contact Becker to see if he would be willing to go there, then he will contact Kazmierczak. If this fails, we will have to do something about getting Becker off the scene at St. Eugene's before [redacted] explodes.

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436 N. Moreland Blvd.
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186
November 14, 1974

Most Rev. Archbishop William Cousins
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Archbishop:

In view of what has been transpiring at St. William's during the past few weeks, I feel obligated to express my concern regarding the problems which seem to be worsening.

You are aware, of course, of the rift among people of this parish. Numerous families are now very much disturbed after having been held as a captive audience at two Sunday Masses during which the associate, Father Franklyn Becker, related his reactions toward living conditions at the rectory. Whether his recital of grievances had any basis or not, he surely did everyone a great injustice by speaking as he did about the parish's pastor on Vocation Sunday.

If a problem existed, I believe there are channels for recourse other than the pulpit where visitors and children are present along with parishioners.

Does Father Becker have a personal problem? If such should be the case, he surely cannot continue to take out his frustrations on the parish. After what has happened, it doesn't seem likely that so many words can be forgotten since they've reached so many people.

I hope that some action can be taken to remedy the present very unhappy situation.

Thank you for giving attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Dexter Marlow

cc. Personnel Board

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memo from Fr. Robert Sampon

fall, 1970-

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Came to Chancery to talk of problem re his son [redacted]

& Fr. Franklyn Becker.

- no father Tarpy at the time.

- this note filed 6/23/16.

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to Father Sanger

Diocesan Office
for Apostolic Ministry/Alcala Park

February 5, 1979

Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North Ninety Fifth Street
P. O. Box 2018
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Archbishop Weakland:

In response to your letter of January 30, 1979, I wish to inform you that Father Franklyn Becker was relieved of his duties here in the Diocese of San Diego on the first of February.

This was due to conflict in the rectory with the other associate, and the associate that was transferred asked that no other associate be placed on assignment at St. Brigid's Parish as long as Father Franklyn Becker was appointed there. I therefore relieved him of his duties and appointed a new associate as of February 1st.

No doubt there are psychological problems in Father Franklyn Becker's life that he must solve.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher

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Bishop of San Diego

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Post Office Box 80428, San Diego, California 92138/Telephone (714) 298-7711

[redacted]

February 22, 1980

Rev. Raymond E. Vint, Pastor
St. Margaret Mary Parish
3930 North 92nd
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222

Frankie Becker

Dear Father Vint,

It has come to our attention during the past few weeks that Father Becker has been involved in an incident which could cause consternation in our parish. In talking with him regarding this matter we have been impressed with Father's knowledge of himself and his openness and honesty. The incident which occurred in December is an isolated one, an incident which perhaps was not so much an inappropriate act but a concern for a teenage boy who might be struggling with his own identity.

Further discussion of the actual event is unnecessary at this time. As a member of St. Margaret Mary Parish we would like to offer support for Father Frank and hope that the incident will not be cause for him to be removed from the parish. Many have grown to respond to him, to respect and trust him. It would appear to us that in seeking therapy he has taken the necessary step to prevent a recurrence of the incident.

Father Frank's continuation in the parish would mean to us that our parish is willing to support one another in whatever crisis each is experiencing. We could foresee much growth occurring within a parish which had come to grips with a problem and stood behind a fellow human being.

As we look at the total parish we can see other problems which exist and which have not meant a change in personnel. We ask that the same lenience and understanding be demonstrated in this case.

We have been Catholics all of our lives, have been closely and intimately connected with the Church for many years and now feel a real commitment to be actively and humanely a part of the Christian Community. We would like to see the Church (all of us) continue to live up to its standards, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

When a member of a family is in error it is a sad and unfortunate turn when that member is rejected and turned away from the family unit. Surely the family name is tarnished, there is a certain amount of

embarrassment, but the family that stands behind such a person and works through the problem is to be admired and commended. If the priests in this parish were to stand together in support, it is our guess that the rumors would slowly dwindle and the incident forgotten.

Jesus was not afraid to be identified with every type of person in society. He cared about them, felt their pain, recognized their humanity and loved them. This is truly an example for all of us to follow.

Thank you for your time in considering our opinion. We trust you will make the best decision for everyone concerned.

I would be happy to discuss this matter with you personally. If you would like to do so, please call me in the evenings at [redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted]

cc: Father Frank Becker
Father Joseph Hornacek
Father Dick Mirsberger
Father Tom Wittliff
Most Reverend Archbishop Rembert Weakland

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[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222
February 11, 1980

The Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B., D.D.
802 North Jackson Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Your Excellency:

I am writing to you on the advice of Fr. Joseph Hornacek regarding the matter I presented to him last Monday and which has been brought to your attention. I sincerely regret having to write this letter which is in the nature of an apology for my actions which are an embarrassment not only to me but to the priesthood in general.

You have been most kind to me since my return to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and I am most grateful for your compassion and benevolence. When I spoke to you last year regarding the military chaplaincy, you were most cooperative even though that decision may not have been in my best interests. I accepted the assignment to St. Margaret Mary Parish knowing that there were some problems, not only with the pastor, but I was uncertain how I would get along with my classmate, [redacted]. As the months wore on the problems became more apparent. The lack of communication with Father Vint was certainly a contributing cause to my discontent, but perhaps equally disturbing was the lifestyle of [redacted]. With my orientation the frequent presence of teenage boys in the house at night was tantalizing to say the least. It was during that time that I met the boy with whom I became involved. There is much more that I could say about those evening sessions, but I do not wish to incriminate [redacted], as the boys refer to him at this time. I feel that he has his own problem to deal with.

I have been in communication with the mother of the boy involved and she is sympathetic and does not intend to press any charges. My concern is for the boy who has not dealt with the situation as I had hoped. Since he has chosen to share the incident with some of his friends, I have been cast in a bad light and the decision that I leave the parish seems to be a prudent one. I would be willing to stay on until June if that were deemed advisable. I have not discussed the matter with Fr. Vint, but will do so as soon as he returns from Florida.

I am grateful for the opportunity to meet with Dr. [redacted] I have set up an appointment with him for this coming Thursday. I have also been in dialog with several other priests who have been supportive. I really see the need for a support group among priests of my orientation and have discussed the matter with Fr. Jim Arimond.

As to my future I see several possibilities. Since last December I have been thinking about a return to California and have been in communication with two Franciscan communities--the Capuchins in La Canada and the Franciscans in Oakland. I have long been attracted to the Franciscan way of life and have been inspired by my patron saint,Francis of Assisi. Periodically I consider joining a religious community. I hope this is not an unrealistic escape.

I have also spoken to Fr. Jerry Lanser about the Albuquerque Villa and he referred me to Fr. Michael Foley. I spoke to Fr. Foley on the phone as Jerry had mentioned the possibility of an opening in campus ministry at the University of Albuquerque. He thought that perhaps in the event that I chose that option I could be in touch with the Servants of the Paraclete and their program while serving the campus community. I do not feel that I need to go through the six month program with them, but would find their support group beneficial.

The other option I would like to explore is the possibility of campus ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Since 1975 I have applied for a position in that area. In view of my background I believe I am qualified having attended Chaplains' School at Niagara University, two years as Catholic Chaplain at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia and a short time at St.Louis University. I have attended conventions and seminars dealing with Young Adult Ministry in Florida, Ohio, and California so I have kept in touch. I find this type of ministry far more fulfilling than general parish work and for this reason I am questioning my role as a pastor for the 80's in Wisconsin. I understand that there will be an opening at UWM and at Parkside and I have indicated my interest to Fr. Roy Mateljan.

For the present I plan to remain at St. Margaret Mary Parish until the end of this month. I am willing to remain into March, if Fr. Vint wants me to cover for Fr. Dick Mirsberger who is going to Florida for a vacation. On the 10th of March I plan to fly to Hawaii with Fr. "Bruno" Henke and Fr. John Richetta to spend some time with Fr. Richard Beck. Since lodging will be provided, my expenses beyond airfare will be minimal. Originally Fr. Dominic Roscioli was going to accompany them but due to the illness of his father I will be going in his place. Right now I need a vacation and time to sort out my feelings.

I will be in need of a residence when I return from Hawaii. Several possibilities have been suggested. I had opted for an east side parish--where I could be close to the University to spend some time at the Newman Center with Fr. Larry Dulek. I have known Larry for some time and have also discussed my interest in campus ministy with him. Holy Rosary Parish has been suggested as a possibility. I have also been in touch with Fr. Ron Crewe at

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St. Hedwig's. A residency there also seems a possibility, particularly during the time he plans to be in Rome. He indicated that he will be away over Holy Week and Easter and has made a request for someone to cover for him. If he has not made other arrangments I would be willing to supply for him at that time.

I would also feel comfortable living with Fr. Jim Arimond and Fr. Richard Liska at Sacred Heart. I feel that Jim could be a real support to me. An added reason would be that I would be close to St. Francis School of Pastoral Ministry and the Albert Cardinal Meyer Institute. If I have the time I would like to take advantage of the programs that are offered there.

As a last resort I would be grateful if you could put me in touch with a benevolent bishop in California where I might serve. Periodically I get nostalgic for California--Wisconsin winters last too long--though this has been a mild one. I place this request in last place because while my mother is alive I believe I should remain close to her. As you may recall she spoke to you at the Naim Conference luncheon here at St. Margaret Mary's. She and I were most edified my your homily and your references to your mother. She was widowed when I was five years old and is a great lady. She has been the organist at St. Mary's, Woodland since 1930. The parish will honor her this April. I do not wish to dishonor her any more so than I have already done. She is aware of my orientation.

This has been a long letter. I did not wish to bore you. I hope you can sort it out and that we can come to a decision which is best for me and for the Archdiocese. I do not enjoy being a "problem priest". I am grateful for a "benevolent bishop".

If you would like to meet with me at your convenience I would be happy to do so. I guess this is the "Bottom Line".

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

Franklyn W. Becker

St. John's Rectory
[redacted]
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

August 2, 1981

The Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B., D.D.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street Box 2018
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Your Excellency:

At the request of Fr. Joseph Janicki and after due consultation with Dr. [redacted] I am hereby complying with your request for a written letter of commitment to the priestly ideal of celibacy.

As you know, the last five years of my priesthood have been years of struggle and searching--a struggle to deal honestly with myself and the Church into which I was born. While the struggle is by no means over, I feel that with the aid of Dr. [redacted] I have been given greater insights into myself and am now able to deal with my orientation in a way that will not be destructive to me or to the Church.

God grants us graces at the times we most need them and I feel that this last year has been grace-filled for me.

Things are going well here at St. John's. Fr. Heffron has had a new burst of energy since his return from the Mayo Clinic and we have come to a better understanding of each other. I also find that the parish provides a challenge for constructive work.

It is with these thoughts in mind that I recommit myself to the priestly ideal of celibacy and service to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker

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BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME Franklyn (First) William (Middle) Becker (Last)

ADDRESS [redacted] (Number) South Milwaukee (City), WI 53172 (Zip)

PLACE OF WORK St. John's Church (Name) [redacted] (Address) Milwaukee, WI (City) 53172 (Zip)

TELEPHONE [redacted] (Office) [redacted] (Personal)

I. TRAINING

Did you attend a minor seminary? Yes.

If so, which? St. Francis

Dates attended: Sept. (Month) 1955 (Year) to June (Month) 1958 (Year)

Were you graduated? yes Was your course of studies accelerated or lengthened for any reason?

Graduated from Mayville H.S. 1955 - Took Prep. Latin Course at St. Francis 1955-56 Entered College Program in Fall of 1956.

Was there any interruption of your minor seminary stay? No. If so, please comment below:

Did you attend a seminary college? Yes. If so, which? St. Francis de Sales.

Dates attended: Sept. (Month) 1956 (Year) to June (Month) 1960 (Year)

Were you graduated? Yes Was your course of studies accelerated or lengthened for any reason?

No.

Was there any interruption of your seminary college stay? No If so, please comment below:

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If you have some supervision in your ministry, please describe the quality of the supervision: No direct supervision.

It is unlikely that all your work relationships would proceed with perfect peace and harmony. Given this, do you think that there are dynamics harmful to you personally or to the harmonious operation of your work? Lack of authority in some areas and inability to make decisions can be frustrating.

How would you change the ministry to which you are assigned, if you could? Already mentioned. Pastoral team approach would be an improvement.

If you help in a parish, please describe your relationships with the pastor, associate(s), and the laity:

VIII. OTHER MINISTRY

Please describe your involvement in the local civic community: Limited to meetings with other ministers, Kiwanis Club, etc.

Please describe your involvement in any clubs or fraternal organizations: I am not a joiner of clubs - make appearances on request.

Please describe your involvement in any archdiocesan, state, or national organizations: I prefer not to get involved in these organizations which usually entail attendance at a number of meetings.

Please describe your involvement in any ecumenical efforts or movements: Participation in ecumenical services and meetings on a regular basis on the local level.

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Person Interviewed

Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
South Milwaukee, WI 53172

Interviewer

Rev. Joseph B. Frederick
June 7, 1982

Training:

Franklyn always seemed to feel quite close to the church and to priests. Part of this might be due to the fact that his mother has been organist at ~~Woodhull~~ for many, many years. After graduating from Mayville High School in 1955, Franklyn entered Carroll College in Waukesha, but stayed only a few weeks. He stopped in to see the Pastor st St. Mary's Church, Waukesha, who took him to the Seminary, and that's where he remained. Fr. John Twomey was probably as big an influence as anyone during his seminary days. Franklyn did emphasize the intellectual considerably and still does today. This is evidenced by his reading and by the continuing education courses taken.

Family:

Franklyn's father [redacted], died about 40 years ago, when he was only about 4 years old. Consequently, Franklyn remembers very little about him. His mother is still living and is now 77 years old. He and his mother either get together or he calls her at least once a week. She, naturally, did play a big part in his life. Even today Frank is concerned about her reactions to any moves he might make, not wanting to upset or hurt her by them. He does not however, feel that she dominates him, as one of the comments said. Frank has a brother in Indianapolis. There seems to be a positive relationship here.

Health:

Frank's physical health seems good, and, apparently he does have adequate concern in this area. The respondents, too, found no problem in this area. He exercises quite frequently in the form of jogging, bicycling, and swimming. Alcohol is clearly not a problem; his weight too, seems pretty well controlled.

Assignments in Ministry:

a) Past Assignments

Frank has had nine assignments previous to his present position. He is now ordained 18 years. The longest assignment was four years. He most enjoyed the Campus Ministry work in Huntington, West Virginia. He also found this work most growthful and enriching. Frank seems to have a special liking to work with high school and college age young people. Frank prefers a Parish where he does have something to say and where he can make some decisions on his own. As far as why Frank had a considerable number of different positions since ordination, the reasons are hard to pin down. He seems to have left each one for a different reason.

b) Present Assignment

Frank is presently Associate Pastor at St. John's, South Milwaukee. The two priests he lives with, Frs. Bill Heffron and Vic Zwaska, are quite compatible for him. One of Frank's problems though, is that St. John's is really not his kind of parish, as Frank prefers the parishioners to be of a more "professional" bent. St. John's is primarily blue-collar. He feels his talents cannot be utilized as well here. Frank seems to relate quite well with the lay leaders, lay ministers, and the Parish School. He also feels that St. John's could nicely become a "team Parish". Frank would like to work in this situation, with more opportunity to make decisions. Frank is also reluctant to become too involved with the parishioners, for reasons which will be evident later.

Frank seems to prefer "one-on-one" work. An area which is not his favorite is hospital work. It is too depressing.

Spiritual Leadership:

Frank, by his own judgment and that of the people, seems to do a more than adequate job in the various liturgical and sacramental functions. Also, his compassion, concern, sensitivity and understanding are seen and appreciated. The one point which surfaced quite often was that people would like to see Frank show a greater sense of enthusiasm and vitality as he goes about serving the people. Another comment coming through fairly often was that they would like to see him show more actual leadership in his ministry. Frank often feels ill at ease showing leadership because of the fact he is not the Pastor.

Lifestyle:

Two qualities which seem to be too strong in his life are fear and aloneness. Two fears are the fear of not being accepted by other priests, and the fear of the possibility of his homosexual orientation being found out by the people.

Frank has been hurt in the past by getting too close to people. Now he is hesitant and tends to withdraw.

St. John's Rectory
[redacted]
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

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March 1, 1983

Dear Joe,

Just spoke to Wayne Schneider regarding my salary for the month of February & future months. Wanted to clarify things so I am not operating under any false assumptions. My expectations are full salary plus car allowance & food allowance part of which would go to support of the house. At present my only income is $25.00 a week which I will receive from St. Mary's & any other help-out work I may do.

Since I have complied with all requests from you I am hoping that you will comply with mine. I have financial obligations to meet & cannot get by with a cut in salary.

As mentioned earlier I do not wish to be placed on the list of "sick priests" for personal reasons & particularly since Ken Deyer has made depreciating remarks to me & has used privileged information against me. This is not paranoia but fact.

I hope the salary situation can be amicably resolved.

It was good being with a remnant of the class of '64 at Elkhart Lake.

Sincerely,

Frank

[redacted]

I herewith authorize Father Joseph A. Janicki, Vicar for Priest Personnel, to release to Dr. [redacted], MD my Periodic Review resume and autobiographical questionnaire and also the 14-page comprehensive medical and psychological evaluation that was done under the direction of Psychology Associates in Wausau, Wisconsin.

Furthermore, I am authorizing at this time Dr. [redacted] to release to Father Janicki and Archbishop Weakland his findings and recommendations concerning myself and my present situation.

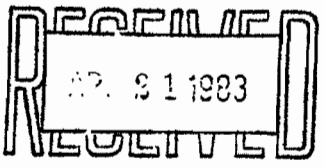
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✓Copy: Father Janicki

April 20, 1983



The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Cedarburg, Wisconsin 53012

Dear Franklyn,

After receiving your letter of April 10th, I spoke at some length with Father Joe Janicki about your future. I do not want to become too much involved at this point, lest you seem to be torn between too many authorities!

I am pleased with the way in which Father Janicki is trying to work with you to determine what is best for you and for the Church and know that you will continue to cooperate and keep me informed.

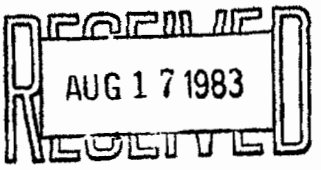
Thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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August 13, 1983



PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

Dear Frank,

I preferred to issue a separate letter in reference to your assignment at St. Joseph Hospital. My purpose in writing this letter is two-fold. First of all, I want you to know that I truly wish you to be successful in your new assignment. You have been ordained 19 years now and I know you desire to be successful in priestly ministry. I also share that desire.

However, a second reason I have in mind for writing this letter is to caution you that, because of past personal problems, should further occurrences of this same nature arise, I will have no alternative but to take canonical steps that would bar you from exercising any of the powers of orders or jurisdiction which you have as a priest. In addition, you would have no right to any financial support from the Archdiocese.

I hope this admonition will not be seen as something altogether negative, but, rather, as a genuine concern for your welfare and that of the people we serve collaboratively. I and my staff stand ready to assist you in any way we can. I want you to be faithful to your weekly psychotherapy session for additional support, and I would ask you to authorize your therapist to be in contact with me and Father Janicki if your therapist feels this would be advantageous.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ Rembert G Weakland

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

July 18, 1984

[redacted] M.D.
[redacted]
Shorewood, WI 53211

Dear Dr. [redacted]:

I appreciate the updated information on Father Franklyn Becker which you sent me within the past month. It is good to see that he is progressing under your care.

As you know, finding the right assignment for him continues to be problematic. I would concur with your observation that the assignment recently offered to him as chaplain to retired and physically ill sisters was less than ideal for him. As a last resort, however, I was hoping he might be able to work at it, even on a temporary basis, until the right assignment comes along.

A recent development seems to brighten the picture. There will soon be a chaplaincy available at West Allis Memorial Hospital that will be offered to Father Becker. I spoke to him today about it and he seemed to be interested. It may take a couple of months for this to transpire.

One thing that I must clarify is the matter of Father Becker being assigned to parish ministry. I can appreciate your recommendation along this line but in light of Father's problems in the past this would be impossible to effect at this time. This reason, quite frankly, is based on some pretty solid legal advice. This is not to say that Father Becker has exhausted his chances at parochial ministry forever. Establishing a stable record in a chaplaincy assignment ought to enhance his chances for a parish assignment in the future years.

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I have already shared the above information with Father Becker. He gave me the definite impression that he would be cooperative. He has been so cooperative and hard-working in the past two years that I would like to see him go "the last mile" it takes for him to be a complete success.

Know that I will appreciate your continued attempts to help Father Becker cope with the stresses he may encounter.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki
Vicar for Priest Personnel

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October 17, 1984

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

Dear Father Becker,

It is with great pleasure that I ask you to become the Chaplain to the Catholic patients at West Allis Memorial Hospital in West Allis. Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board and Father Joseph Janicki, the Vicar for Priest Personnel, I am happy to entrust this office to your pastoral care beginning on November 6, 1984. This appointment is being made for a period of time up to six years, after which time it will again be reviewed for possible renewal.

As representative of the Archbishop in that office, you are called upon to serve the needs of God's people so that they can take their rightful place as baptized Catholics in their own Faith-community and in society. Your mission, like my own, is one of teaching and sanctifying. To accomplish this mission, I ask you to work closely and in collaboration with the administration of West Allis Memorial Hospital.

It is a privilege to share my ministry with you. May God's blessings fill your life.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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June 10, 1985

The Reverend Edward Dietrich
N.A.C.C.
3257 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

Dear Father Dietrich,

I understand that Father Franklyn Becker has completed two units of CPE at St. Joseph Hospital, Milwaukee, and is qualified for certification with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

Father Becker is a priest in good standing in the Archdiocese and I support his certification as a chaplain with your organization.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Copy to Rev. Franklyn Becker
✓Mike Soika, Coordinator of Chaplaincy and Advocacy
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Dear Dick,

A nurse at the VA approached Fr. Russ Tikalsky yesterday and said that her son, [redacted] was a patient for two days at West Allis Hospital. Fr. Franklin Becker apparently took a liking to this boy, a teenager, and even though he knew him for only two days he has been calling this boy & was seen driving by his home. The mother is concerned.

The woman is [redacted]



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September 19, 1990

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Father Becker,

I am writing in response to your recent request for an extension of your current position as Chaplain of West Allis Memorial Hospital. As you know, your term is November 6, 1990. Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board and with the approval of Archbishop Weakland, we hereby extend your term for up to six years to November 6, 1996.

We hope this will afford you the opportunity to continue your priestly ministry, and we look forward to working with you in this endeavor.

Fraternally,

Fr. Tom Trepanier
Executive Secretary
Priests' Personnel Board

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Fr. Becker was informed 9/19/90 that you would be speaking with him to get a more accurate job description / accountability.

T.T.

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August 26, 1991

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Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
West Allis Memorial Hospital
[redacted]
West Allis, WI 53227

Dear Father Becker,

I am writing to you persuant to our meeting with Bishop Sklba on August 21, 1991. At that time we mutually agreed that for your benefit and that of all concerned, you would leave the position of Catholic Chaplain to West Allis Memorial Hospital effective September 15, 1991.

I trust that you have informed the appropriate people, since we will open list the position on August 29, 1991. In the interim the Personnel Board will seek a suitable replacement. Further, we will work under the direction of Bishop Sklba in finding a suitable assignment for you.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Fr. Tom Trepanier
Executive Secretary
Priests' Personnel Board

TT:pr
cc: Bishop R. J. Sklba
Rev. J. M. Hudziak
Ms. Joan Betz

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OCT 23

[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
October 21, 1991

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OCT 23 1991

Rev. Thomas A. Trepanier
3501 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Dear Tom,

I am writing to you as a follow-up to our phone conversation of last Friday. In regard to the matter discussed I also received the packet from [redacted] I sincerely apologize for the embarrassment this has caused you and the others involved. As you will note from the contents I am a prime victim of the exposure together with [redacted] The only reason I can recall why your name ever appeared on the list was that I felt that you among the others might have been willing to discuss the issue. Many of the people on the list had been or were celebrants for Dignity Masses. It was not meant to be a declaration or admission of a stand on the issue of homosexuality in the Church. I do not know if you were ever contacted for an interview.

I did not come into the project willingly and I rue the day when I agreed to an interview. As you will note from the correspondence the whole thing surfaced over ten years ago. I am not the same person I was then. People do change. There is a lot of inaccuracy in the report. For one, I was never "banished" to California. I was released by Archbishop Cousins for the assignment. Archbishop Weakland was installed while I was in California. A lot of the stories got mixed up in the telling. When one does an interview with a journalist, one is at the mercy of the interviewer. All I can say is that I sincerely apologize for my involvement with the project. I have expressed this to Archbishop Weakland and Bishop Sklba more than once.

I am at a loss as how to deal with this latest bomb dropped on me. Perhaps it is best to ignore it. I have had no communication with [redacted] since 1987. There was never a love relationship between us. I often sign my letters "Love and blessings" implying nothing other than Christian love. If anyone were to deal with [redacted] I would think it should be Bishop Sklba since he was his classmate in Rome.

I met with Tom Venne this morning. Hopefully the matter of finances can be straightened out. In the matter of a future assignment I am not opting for a position in Hospital Ministry. I need to get away from the stress of that setting and carrying a pager. Hopefully you will find something else for me. I am available for help-out work and hope to remain here in the City until I am reassigned.

Sincerely yours,

Franklyn W. Becker

[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker

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Department of Clergy Personnel

March 16, 1993

FILE COPY

[redacted]

[redacted]

I am sorry that you were not able to keep the appointment that we had scheduled on Monday, March 1, 1993. I did call and talk to your mother, who informed me that you left the previous day. Then I received the information that you had called the Cousins Center and left notice that you were not able to keep the appointment. I certainly wanted to thank you for your consideration in calling to inform me.

When I called your mother, I asked her to please let you know that we were still interested in meeting with you. Snce I had not heard anything these past two weeks, I called her today and asked where I might write to you. She gave me the address of Fr. Gorman.

I did want to let you know that we are concerned and want to be of help. I don't know when you will be in the Milwaukee area, but hope that we can get together at that time to discuss your concerns regarding Fr. Becker. I gave you my phone numbers, but in case you lost them, my office phone is 414-769-3490 and my home phone is 414-536-0374. I hope this letter finds you well. You are in my prayers.

Sincerely

Reverend R. Thomas Venne
Vicar for Clergy Personnel

RTV/sks

May 10, 1995

Rev. Paul D. Janette
3501 S. Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Paul,

It was good to see you at the Spring Assembly. I found it very enlightening and beneficial.

I wanted to confirm my presence at the June 19-23 Retreat at Perpetual Help Retreat Center.

I would also like to sign up for the October 2-6 Retreat at Perpetual Help Retreat Center.

Since I was not reimbursed for a Retreat in 1994, I would like to apply those funds to my second Retreat in 1995.

As you know I am looking after my Mother in her home and helping out at Woodland, Neosho, and Rubicon. It is important that I get away periodically to keep my sanity. That is why I am scheduling the Fall retreat. It is close enough to home so I can keep tabs on Mom.

I hope that you can fill my request.

Hope that all is well with you and Sanity II!

Blessings,

Fr. Franklyn W. Becker

MAR 2 0 1996

FR. FRANKLYN W. BECKER
CRUISE CHAPLAIN
[redacted] • Woodland, Wisconsin 53099-0040 • [redacted]

March 19, 1996

Dear Carrol,

I have agreed to see Dr. [redacted] twice a week as long as she deems it appropriate. I have seen her on March 11, 18 and will see her again on March 21. This is 80 miles round trip for each visit. Since I am making these trips at the church's request I am asking that I be reimbursed for mileage as my auto lease which expires in Sept. '97 bills me for added mileage and I do not receive an auto allowance from the archdiocese.

I hope that this can be worked out between you and Wayne Schneider.

I'll see you at Rubicon on the 26th!

Sincerely,
Lyn

P.S. Take it easy!

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY PERSONNEL

FILE COPY

June 5, 1996

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Woodland, WI 53099-0040

Dear Franklyn,

Hope you are doing well. I mentioned some time in the past that Tom McGuine, who is acting as Monitor for the Archdiocese, would be in touch.

Tom is a man of integrity. I think you will have confidence in him. He is a permanent deacon and has a son who is a priest in the San Diego Diocese. I hope you look upon him more as a companion on the journey than someone who polices.

Enclosed please find an explanation of the Monitoring program. I thought it would be good for you to be aware of the process before Tom calls you for an appointment.

Peace,

Reverend Carrol C. Straub
Vicar for Clergy

CCS/sks

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SEP 05 1997

Sept. 4, 1997

Dear Tom,

Thank you for including me in the list of clergy who were recently hospitalized. I have recovered from my recent bout with kidney stones, but recurrence is always a possibility.

I wanted to let you know that I will be away from Sept. 21 - Oct 6. I will be travelling to Italy, Greece & Turkey - an educational pursuit, but not in the capacity of chaplain.

I continue to see Dr. [redacted] on a weekly basis and have touched base with Fr. John Yockey as a possible on site monitor, since Fr. Lauren Wenig has left the area. I discussed this with Deacon Tom McGuire also.

Recently I helped out at St. Malachy, Gorton & St. Mary, Mayville. I continue to assist at the Tri-Parish of St. Matthew, St. John & St. Mary, Woodland, my home parish.

I have been asked to become involved with the Renew 2000 program by the chairperson at St. Matthew. I leave this decision to your discretion.

I am scheduled for the November 3-7 Retreat at Conconocoe.

Wishing you well in your ministry, I am

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Franklyn W. Becker

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DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

FILE COPY

August 3, 1999

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Mayville, WI 53050

Dear Franklyn,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and Deacon Tom McGuine during the past week. I appreciated the opportunity to report to you firsthand the positive results of the consultation which I had with Dr. [redacted] Deacon Thomas McGuine, and Fathers John Yockey and Charles Wester. I would hope that you are encouraged by the positive report which I shared with you.

Enclosed, please find a copy of the revised Restrictions and Conditions which we reviewed during our recent meeting. The changes are somewhat cosmetic and occur in restrictions 2, 5, and 11. If you have any questions or need for further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I also promised to investigate whether or not any monies were doled out by the archdiocese because of allegations of sexual abuse attributed to you as perpetrator. Please know that the archdiocese has not spent any money for this purpose.

With prayerful best wishes for your continued effective ministry as help-out in parishes on weekends, and for your ability to be the primary caregiver to your mother at this time in addition to that already provided by the Nursing Home, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek
Vicar for Clergy

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RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTRY

REV. FRANKLYN BECKER

1. You will continue in individual therapy with Dr. [redacted] and will cooperate with the Vicar for Clergy in any other requests for continued treatment.

2. You will have no contact with minors. The only exception is permission to have minors serve when you preside at Eucharist.

3. You will have no overnight guests in your place of residence.

4. Your ministry is limited to help-out work only as directed and permitted by the Vicar for Clergy. Any other requests for ministry (e.g. cruise chaplaincy) must be cleared in advance by the Vicar for Clergy and the Chancery.

5. You will avoid all places and persons who have been sources or occasions of serious temptations to violate sexual morality. Culture events on university and school campuses may be attended without advance permission of the Vicar for Clergy, if you are accompanied by a mature adult.

6. You will engage in regular spiritual direction with an individual approved by the Vicar for Clergy.

7. You will be obedient to the directives of the Archbishop regarding any further specifications which he might impose or request concerning your participation in treatment, ministry, and/or your personal life.

8. You will refrain from any retaliatory action against those who have reported on your prior behavior, their families, or those whose duty it is to impose accountability. This includes no contact whatsoever with the media.

9. You will refrain from conversation about the sexual orientation of other priests both publicly and privately.

10. You will cooperate with the monitor appointed by the Vicar for Clergy regarding oversight of compliance with these restrictions and conditions for ministry.

11. Review of these restrictions will be at twelve-month intervals or as directed by the Vicar for Clergy. It is your responsibility to cooperate with that review.

August 3, 1999

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DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

FILE COPY

January 18, 2002

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Mayville, WI 53050

Dear Franklyn,

Thank you for your letter of January 3, 2002, in which you express your desire and hope for continued helpout ministry in the Tri-Parishes of Rubicon, Neosho and Woodland.

We are both aware that Fr. Russel Stommel will be transferring from the pastorate of those parishes in June, 2002. I do not foresee that this will effect your willingness and ability to continue to serve those parishioners as a weekend helpout. You are right in assuming that you would not be eligible for the position of Pastor at this time.

Once we both know who the new pastor will be, I would be pleased to be of assistance to you in informing him of your welcome ministry to the parishes in the past with the hopes of your being able to continue to provide this service. I understand that you have some personal things in storage at St. John's rectory, and may be desirous of seeking residency there in the future. It would be important for you to communicate to the new pastor your desire or hopes for ability to continue to store your personal items there/

Thank you for your expressed interested in these issues. Please know that you have my prayerful best wishes for every success in your helpout ministry in that northern area of our diocese. May this new year also be one of good health and blessing for your mother whom you care for in a special way.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek
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January 3, 2002

The Very Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek
Vicar General/Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Dear Joe,

I am writing to you at this time to express my thanks for your kind Christmas message and also to express my concern for my future.

As you know I have been doing regular help-out work at the Tri-Parishes of Rubicon, Neosho and Woodland which is fulfilling for me and also appreciated by the parishioners. With a pastoral change pending, numerous people have asked me to consider the position of pastor. Not only do I question my eligibility for the position but I also am not sure that I would want to take on that responsibility as I approach my sixty-fifth birthday. I do however hope to continue in ministry until age seventy if my health permits.

I would hope that whoever is chosen as pastor would permit me to continue functioning in my present capacity and also consider a residency at the St. John Rectory where I have things in storage at present. With two rectories available this seems to make sense for me.

I realize that the position has not yet been open listed, but I bring my interest to your attention while plans are in the making.

Wishing you a happy and blessed New Year!

Sincerely yours,

Franklyn W. Becker

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

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DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

April 3, 2002

Rev Franklyn Becker
[redacted]
Mayville WI 53050

Dear Franklyn,

As you know from Archbishop Rembert Weakland's letter to all priests of March 21, 2002, he has appointed a Special Commission to review all diocesan policies concerning our diocesan response to sexual abuse cases.

Bishop Richard Sklba also informed me that either he or the Archbishop has contacted you in recent weeks to inform you that your case is one of six which will also be reviewed by the Special Commission to make certain that all policies and protocols have been and are being followed.

Enclosed, you will find two copies of a consent for release of information form which has been formulated by Matthew Flynn, diocesan attorney. Please sign and date both copies and return one to me in the envelope enclosed for your convenience. I ask you to do this as soon as possible to help expedite the work of the Commission. If you have any questions concerning the form or its meaning do not hesitate to contact me or Matt Flynn.

You are in my prayers during this time of special challenge for our Church. If I can be of any assistance or support to you please be in touch.

Fraternally yours,

V. Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek
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CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND RECORDS TO THE SPECIAL COMMISSION

I, Franklyn W. Bycko, hereby authorize the release to the Special Commission Appointed to Review Abuse Allegations of all records in the files of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee which pertain to me, including but not limited to mental health/psychiatric treatment records and drug and alcohol treatment records. I further authorize the Special Commission Appointed to Review Abuse Allegations to examine and copy any records or information contained in the files of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee which are relevant to me. A reproduced copy of this Consent Form shall be as valid as the original.

This disclosure is being made for the purposes of a review and investigation of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and any subsequent proceedings. Unless revoked earlier, this consent regarding records is effective until two (2) years from the date of signature. I understand that I may revoke this consent regarding records at any time except to the extent that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has already acted upon my consent. I further understand that information obtained as a result of this consent cannot be retrieved and may be used after the expiration date of the consent or its revocation.

~~I hereby release the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from all legal responsibility or liability that may arise from actions taken in reliance on this authorization. I further release from all legal responsibility or liability all Archdiocesan psychologists, including Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki, Dr. Barbara Reinke, and anyone associated with Project Benjamin, as well as all legal counsel for the Archdiocese, and authorize such parties to review said records and to freely communicate with the Special Commission.~~ I understand that I am entitled to receive a copy of this authorization form, as well as a copy of any information with is obtained as a result of this informed consent.

This information has been disclosed to you from records whose confidentiality is protected by Federal law. Federal regulations (42 CFR Part 2) prohibit you from making any further disclosure of it without the specific written consent of the person to whom it pertains, or as otherwise permitted by such regulations. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is NOT sufficient for this purpose. These records shall be maintained in a secure manner to make sure that unauthorized persons do not have access to the records.

Signature: Franklyn W. Bycko

Date Signed: April 6, 2002

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I called him w info + recommended he get current status info from Soc. Sec. office preferably in writing.
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April 6, 2002

The Very Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Dear Joe,

I am returning the signed form you sent me with some questions and some misgivings.

I had hoped that after five years the matter would have been closed.

I am still in the dark about an anonymous allegation to which I cannot respond.

I was told by Bishop Sklba that I was permitted to continue my helpout work as before.

My questions are in regard to my Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage when I turn sixty-five in July. I received a letter regarding same from the Insurer.

I only entered the Social Security Program last year so will not be able to collect until age 70. I presume that also goes for Medicare since I believe the programs are joined.

I will need to be on the diocesan payroll untill I am able to collect Social Security and Priest Pension.

I am wondering if things would be easier if I had Retirement Status.

I was sorry to hear about your pending surgery.

Hope to see you at the Spring Assembly.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Becker

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

Eno. Release form

Phoned Becker 4-10-02
Rent $650 per mo.
Car lease 608 per mo.

Help-out loan 500-600 per mo
Expresses concern over a [redacted] who allegedly contacted him Don Vernon 10 yrs ago threatening to kill Becker

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

CHANCERY

May 31, 2003

Most Reverend Gabriel Montalvo
Apostolic Nunciature
3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008-3687

Your Excellency:

Archbishop Dolan has asked that I send you the enclosed correspondence to Cardinal Ratzinger for transmission by diplomatic pouch to the proper authorities. The matter addressed in this correspondence pertains to transmittal of the results of a preliminary investigation in accord with the norms of *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela.*

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter. A token of appreciation for your kindness will follow.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Barbara Anne Cusack
Chancellor

Enclosures

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

May 27, 2003

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Piazza del S. Uffizio 11
00193 Rome, Italy

Your Eminence:

In accord with the norms of *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, I am submitting for your consideration the case of a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Reverend Franklyn Becker has been accused of multiple acts of sexual abuse of minors. The summary of these allegations is enclosed. Father Becker has admitted that a number of these acts of sexual assault occurred.

Over the years, efforts were made to provide spiritual and psychological interventions that would rehabilitate Father Becker. None of these efforts have been successful as he reoffended after each intervention, often while still in therapy. Father Becker was diagnosed as an impulsive pedophile in 1983. At that time, it was thought that a non-parochial assignment might be possible. A further psychological assessment was undertaken in 1996, after an additional accusation of past behavior came forward. In that evaluation it was advised that the potential for future reoccurrence of past behavior existed. Even while in ongoing therapy, he was known to have obtained child pornography. With our current understanding of the nature of his condition, it is clear that he will never be able to assume any public ministry.

As we have reviewed the various files, it is clear that he consistently abused his office both to gain access to vulnerable boys and to elicit the trust of their parents. Both in his parochial assignments and in his temporary functioning as a cruise chaplain, he found opportunities to abuse his office in a flagrant and repetitive fashion.

The impact on his various victims has been significant. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is paying ongoing therapy costs for several of them and has done so for a number of years. Our new found awareness of the severity of damage caused by sexual abuse at the hands of clergy makes it impossible for us to ignore this situation.

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On May 10, 2003, Father Becker was arrested for sexual assault. The alleged offense took place in California in the 1970's but, because he left the jurisdiction of the state, it remains an offense that can be prosecuted. He will be extradited from Wisconsin to California for trial. The public display that will now take place in the criminal trial in California, to say nothing of the civil suits that could arise there, makes the potential for true scandal very real. The media reports on this case have already begun.

Given the nature and frequency of the alleged and admitted sexual abuse, along with the serious abuse of office, I have pondered long and hard to arrive at an opinion about the most appropriate action to be taken. In order that justice may be made manifest and healing of the victims and the Church may proceed, I am asking that Reverend Franklyn W. Becker be dismissed *ex officio* from the clerical state. Whatever financial needs he may have can be provided for from a special fund we will set up until such time as he is able to draw from the pension fund. Since it is conceivable that he will be spending some time in prison, he may be eligible for this pension by the time of his release.

If the judgement of Your Eminence is that this case should proceed to a dismissal by decree of your Congregation, I would cede to that judgement. Furthermore, if it is your judgement that this case should proceed through a canonical penal process, I humbly request a dispensation from prescription as well as a sanation of any procedural errors that may have occurred during the years this case was under investigation. The severity of the offenses is such that it is my opinion that these requests are justified.

I look forward to your further instructions in this matter.

With sentiments of deepest esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Timothy M. Dolan

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee

NAME: Franklyn William Becker
AGE: 65
ADDRESS: [redacted]
Mayville, Wisconsin 53050

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY: Presbyteral Orders – May 30, 1964
Curate – Holy Assumption Parish (West Allis, WI) – July 1, 1964
Associate Pastor – St. John de Nepomuc Parish (Milwaukee) – September 9, 1968
Associate Pastor – Holy Family Parish (Whitefish Bay, WI) – February 25, 1972
Associate Pastor – St. William Parish (Waukesha, WI) – June 18, 1974
Campus Minister–Marshall University (Wheeling-Charleston Diocese)– January 16, 1975
Campus Minister – St. Louis University (Archdiocese of St. Louis) – August 1, 1976
Awaiting Assignment – October 3, 1976
Permission to accept assignment in Diocese of San Diego – May 27, 1977
Associate Pastor – St. Brigid Parish (Diocese of San Diego) – June 24, 1977
Return to Milwaukee – March 1979
Associate Pastor – St. Margaret Mary Parish (Milwaukee) – August 1, 1979
Administrator – St. Joseph Parish (Lyons, WI) – July 1, 1980
Associate Pastor – St. Eugene Parish (Fox Point, WI) – August 12, 1980
Associate Pastor – St. John Parish (South Milwaukee, WI) – December 9, 1980
Sick Leave – January 25, 1983
Clinical Pastoral Education– St. Joseph Hospital (Milwaukee)–September 1, 1983
Awaiting Assignment – January 1, 1984
Chaplain – West Allis Memorial Hospital (West Allis, WI) – November 6, 1984
Awaiting Assignment – October 1, 1990
Unassigned with restricted ministry – July 1, 1993
Restricted from all public ministry – April 2002

DECREES ISSUED:

April 10, 2002 – Precept issued with the following restrictions:

1) To refrain from all contact with minors, vulnerable adults, and other persons or categories of persons who have proven to be occasions of temptation in the area of sexual morality;
2) To cease until further notice all public ministry including the celebration of Eucharist; Eucharist may be celebrated in a private setting alone or with only another priest or priests in attendance; the celebration of any other sacraments will require explicit permission of a local ordinary in each case;
3) To avoid all places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality;
4) To cease any and all activities and relationships that may be described under the broad category of pastoral counseling;
5) Until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked.

July 22, 2003 – Above noted precept was reissued as being in effect for an indefinite period of time.

INVESTIGATION PROCESS:
September 1, 1995 a three-person team of psychological and criminal experts was established to explore allegations that had arisen. The accused was informed of his canonical rights and signed a document on November 15, 1995, attesting to the fact that he was informed of his rights and understood them. In the interviews with this investigative team, the accused admitted not only some of the alleged incidents but also factually described and admitted to multiple others. These admissions were supported by various letters and entries in his personnel file.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALLEGED DELICT(S):

DATE OF ACCUSATION: February 1980 (Letter of admission by Franklyn Becker)
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): May 1979
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [redacted]
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 45
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:
KIND: Attempted rape; genital contact
NUMBER: 1
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker served as associate pastor and was able to use his office to gain access to the alleged victim's trust.

DATE OF ACCUSATION: January 1, 1981
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): Fall 1980
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: Unnamed at this time
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 34
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:
KIND: Improper touching
NUMBER: Two
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker served as associate pastor and was able to use his office to gain access to the alleged victim's trust; the parents who brought the allegation stated that they had been pleased that a priest took an interest in their son

DATE OF ACCUSATION: August 17, 1982 (Reported by [redacted]
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1982
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [redacted]
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 33
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:
KIND: Unclear at this time
NUMBER: Unclear at this time
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish

DATE OF ACCUSATION: December 1, 1982
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): November 1982
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [redacted]
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 33
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:
KIND: Unclear at this time
NUMBER: Unclear at this time
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; parents were proud that their son was chosen to serve as an altar boy on a cruise where their priest was going to be the chaplain and so they gave permission

DATE OF ACCUSATION: December 20, 1994
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1970
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [redacted]
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 40
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:
KIND: Genital contact; attempted rape
NUMBER: 3
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish and the alleged victim served as an altar boy for him

DATE OF ACCUSATION: May 16, 2002
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-1967
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [redacted]
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 49
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:
KIND: Unclear at this time
NUMBER: Unclear at this time
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish and the alleged victim served as an altar boy for him

DATE OF ACCUSATION: June 17, 2002
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-1969
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [redacted]
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 40
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: oral sex; taking lewd photographs of the boy
NUMBER: 3
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish and took him on a cruise to serve as an altar boy

DATE OF ACCUSATION: July 1, 2002
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1977-1979
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [redacted]
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 41
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Taken to watch homosexual male adults engage in group sex; genital fondling; nudity
NUMBER: 5
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker was associate pastor at the alleged victim's parish; informed him that he was assisting him in forming his sexual identity; alleged victim worked part time at the parish

DATE OF ACCUSATION: December 4, 2002
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1982
NAMES OF INJURED PARTY: [redacted]
PRESENT AGE OF ALLEGED VICTIM: 35
GENDER OF ALLEGED VICTIM: Male
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE:

KIND: Genital fondling; oral sex; lewd photographs of boy
NUMBER: 1
SURROUNDING EVENTS: Franklyn Becker had been administrator at the family parish and took an interest in the boy; maintained contact when at another assignment; took the boy for an overnight stay at the new assignment when the incident occurred; made boy serve Mass for him the next day

CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALLEGED PERPETRATOR:

CURRENT RISK: Because Franklyn Becker is currently under criminal indictment, there is little risk that he will make contact with a potential victim at this time. However, the risk of serious scandal is extremely high.

PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION: Franklyn Becker underwent several psychological evaluations and released their findings to his ecclesiastical superiors. The results of these evaluations are as follows:

1983 assessment – Psychology Associates, Wausau, WI (Signed current release on file, copy attached) – Evaluation conducted by a multi-disciplinary team of a spiritual director, medical doctor, psychitaric social worker, psychiatrist, and psychologist. – Psychiatric finding was Pedophilia.

1997 psychological assessment – Phoenix Clinic, Wauwatosa, WI (Signed current release on file, copy attached) – Evaluation conducted by a clinical psychologist – Conclusion – Compulsive behaviors and potential for future inappropriate sexual behavior

CIVIL AUTHORITY'S ACTION: Franklyn Becker was arrested on May 9, 2003 in Mayville, Wisconsin. He is being extradited to California where he will stand trial for at least two counts of criminal sexual assault.

CURRENT STATUS: Franklyn Becker has been without a ministerial assignment since 1990. He was permitted to provide weekend assistance at parishes under the supervision of the pastor. He was also monitored by archdiocesan officials. He was indefinitely restricted from all ministry in July 2002.

RESIDENCE: Private residence in Mayville, Wisconsin prior to arrest. Unclear where he will reside after extradition to California.

SUSTENANCE: Since being unassigned, he has received monthly support from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Currently that support is in the amount of $25, 633 annually with an additional housing allowance of $9,355. He has been maintained on the archdiocesan health, medical and dental insurance as well. Since contributions to the priests' pension fund have continued, he will be eligible for pension funding when he turns 68.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
STATEMENT OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS
INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT

Whenever an accusation of inappropriate behavior is made, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee takes seriously its obligation to discover the facts, provide for protection of individual and communal rights, and encourage fulfillment of obligations. In that regard, whenever an investigation or evaluation is being conducted with someone accused of an offense, the following shall serve as guiding principles:

1) Professional evaluators conduct the evaluation using accepted evaluation tools of their profession;
2) The person being interviewed/evaluated is informed of the process to be used;
3) The person being evaluated/interviewed is informed regarding what information will be shared with whom and waives the expectation of confidentiality regarding the sharing of information with necessary persons.

Upon being notified that an investigation/evaluation is being undertaken the accused person should be informed of his/her rights. These rights include:

1) The right not to implicate oneself
2) The right to counsel, civil and canonical
3) The right to review the results of any evaluation
4) The right to know what has been alleged and to offer a defense against the allegations
5) The right to due process
6) The right to have the investigation conducted with discretion lest his/her good name be endangered by the investigation.

In addition to being informed about his/her rights, the accused person should also be informed of certain obligations such as:

1) The obligation not to interfere in the investigative process
2) The obligation to observe any special provisions imposed by the diocesan bishop.

By affixing my signature below, I affirm that I have read and understand this statement of rights and obligations.

Fr. Franklyn W. Becker 11/15/95
Signature Date

(Witness)

JUN 18 2003

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

OFFICE OF THE AUXILIARY BISHOP

COPY

June 17, 2003

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Mayville, WI 53050

Dear Lyn:

With many apologies and at long last, I write to thank you for your letter of April 23, 2003. So many things have occurred since that date shortly after Easter and I can only imagine the emotional roller coaster ride which you have been constrained to take as a result. When your communication first came to my desk, I was beginning the hectic cycle of daily letter reading and Confirmation celebration throughout the Archdiocese. So many issues of importance were relegated to some other moment when more attention could be given to the communication, rather than my being content with a pro forma acknowledgement. Since then your own judicial hearings and movement have, at times, left me a bit unsure of how best to be of assistance amid such shifting sands.

I understand your concern about financial questions because the impending change may have significant consequences, not only for yourself, but for your mother as well. Her advanced stage and deteriorating health undoubtedly make that a matter of concern for you, as well as your brother in Indiana.

I don't know the type of car you may currently lease, but I suspect that you are reviewing everything with an eye toward simplicity and good stewardship. I understand the personal need for such judgments since I have accepted a monthly salary of $500, plus the social security supplement each year. My meetings on the national level, however, and meals hosted for local pastoral needs can and do come out of a professional allowance. I guess we both know what it is to be faced with major responsibilities and limited resources.

I continue to share your concerns with Joe Hornacek so that your basic needs may be met while awaiting further action with the District Attorney as the cases may require.

My prayers are certainly with you and my genuine interest in offering the emotional support, which may be especially necessary during this time of sadness and apprehension.

Sincerely in Christ,

RJS

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

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PENSION / ANNUITY VERIFICATION

TO: Archdiocese of Milwaukee
Rev Franklyn Becker
414-769-3430
TEL.#:

DATE: 5/30 APT.#: 212
DEVELOPMENT NAME: Mylvl Hts
APPLICANT/RESIDENT: F. Becker
BENEFICIARY:
PLAN NUMBER:

FROM: 920 324-4784

RUSH

Phone 920-324-4050

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I hereby authorize release of any information requested regarding my income, assets, and allowances.

See release
Applicant/Resident Signature

[redacted]
Social Security Number(s)

TO BE COMPLETED BY PENSION/ANNUITY SPONSOR

1. Name of Plan or Annuity: Archdiocese of Milwaukee
2. GROSS Monthly Payment from Pension or Annuity: $ 1250 /per month
3. Cash Value: $ N.A.
4. Interest Rate/ Estimated Earnings: % Rate N.A. Other: N.A.
 (If varies, provide average interest rate or the rate at the close of business yesterday.)
5. Penalty for Early Withdrawal: N.A
6. Date of Initial Award:
7. Effective Date of Current Award: July 1, 2003
8. Changes in amount of award in next 12 months: Date: unknown Amount: $ unknown

COMMENTS:

Signature of Person Verifying Information: A. Kathleen Schwerbs Date: 5/30/03

Title: Administrative Assistant Telephone Number: 414-769-3484
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AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM

TO: _____

TEL#: _____

DATE: _____ APT. # _____

DEVELOPMENT NAME: _____

APPLICANT/RESIDENT: Frankelyn W. Becker

FROM:

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I/We hereby authorize release of any information requested by _____ regarding my/our income, assets, and allowances. I/We understand and agree that photocopies of this authorization may be used for the purpose stated above.

Frankelyn W. Becker 5/30/03 [redacted]

Applicant/Resident Signature Date Social Security Number(s)

_____ _____ _____

Applicant/Resident Signature Date Social Security Number(s)

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April 11, 1980

COPY

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222

Dear Franklyn,

I am sorry that I did not at least drop you a little note in response to your letter of February 11th to let you know that I had received it and was indeed concerned.

I keep in touch with Father Hornacek and hope that all goes well.

Blessings.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

11/15/95

Franklyn Becker

acting out 1st — 25 yr. old

questn ask ordinarily pre. 1st incident = he was a dancer

a classmate - '63 - meeting

→ reported it to Hoover - [redacted]

also tracked by [redacted]

Special Agent [redacted]

he was asleep — FB touched him / jumped into bed with him

genital contact — he was erect — no words exchanged

Summer — After student

high questn → classmate was petty murder -

FB → went back to his room — Then FB went back

classmate informed Green Bay Press

newspaper did it after that -

reported in March to police - does it know source if classmate was reported -

FB had been out drinking in a gay bar -

Saw [redacted] in bed -

[redacted] Spoke next

— gave FB — but called Agent -

— N. complimentary re gay issues

FB later learned might was gay

Tod's - [redacted] → Huntington, West Va — 1975 - 1976

gay liberation movement —

there — met some people who came out

FB put ad in Campus paper → to form ~~another~~ another gay group on campus -

article in Sund in Campus newspaper -

gave Catholic priest on homosexuality - at another campus

Bishop → West Va — what priests & nuns were

"I have a low sex drive"
"I am not a promiscuous person"

PB had been Chaplain for Dignity

Pt had stopped at St. Louis U. for hrs at Dignity
PB left them at St Louis U. upset upon hearing the nature of
his involvement with Dignity -

CYO
Scout Chaplain | knows -
"not a sexual predator"

P-6 [redacted]

Claims "add. physical risk" - not genital physical
attracted to boys who needed - surrogate father

screaming

alcoholic affective - to bed had at movie -
arm around shoulder

knows / meets in water - ? not in - 1 / one occasion
& invited [redacted] St. Johns - of Peter.

1981-B

Hearing him - I'll give you a haircut if - [redacted] trigger cuts
he wanted it ⇒ he took his pants ⇒ regretted it
St. Joe Jericho

College student - W.Va ⇒ was 21 - became enamored
with him - "an affective relationship" - slept in his
bed completely nude -
boy in pediatrics / in bad shape - invited PB to get
[redacted] in Cambridge -
grandparents lived in Modesto

ADOM026322

[redacted] wanted to spend Xmas w/ [redacted] — [redacted] ordered FBI — packed him out of [redacted]

FBI in bed with DB IX — all Campus centers —

"Big Eg hates alcohol in any addict" —

California — addict in 25 yrs staff with yrs prog

77-79

St. Bridget's / San Diego

"Werewolves slept together"

He was a [redacted] — might disappoint

ad in assoc. priest in newspapers —

Bishop did not approve ad

founder pastor — bloodmobiled —, porno film, drugs etc.

plus covered it up

not physical — but "affectee" —

We FBI kept CA, pastor → citizen involvement & lying now to [redacted]

1979 patient priest from FBI disclosing the previous pastor's problems.

also went to a gay patient — someone priest was there — Kevin

"after that I was pretty careful" —

Only → they didn't renew my contract —

in residence = Atlanta for awhile

sued St. Bridget — still had a contract — appeals

This story (coverup) was significant at

[redacted]

another person in Calif I got to know Thru a mutual friend → died of AIDS since
pic held in him / no ~~defect~~ genital contact
= anal sex & mutual masturbate

AT age 30

FB held him close / kissed him
→ he was relieved / surprised

FB told [redacted] agent → felt it was exaggerated

no sex since '83 → dead afraid of AIDS thing

5th Class person → classmate tried to rape me & it was disgusting 1969

FB - had confided to him his attract for him
FB - left pistol under his door -
classmate came to FB's room - "Is this what you need"
& dropped his pants - do you want me to cornhole you?
FB bled tried to put his penis in
FB's anus -
I was right -
but it use any lubricant - I held him & stop -

[redacted]

dx [redacted] 17 yr old - fellow I got to
know / was here in another classmate who
brought kids up to his room & got physical -
1979 membership at Lenox Club FB first kid
here - saw kid nude in Sauna - he was
v. well developed / v. pig -
FB told him he was gay & other priest was -
reported it to Rev priest -
other buddies of kid & Rev priest - threw gay,
let dis out of pic
FB told pastor what had happened not long -
he got upset

Cruise — Nov '82 — [redacted]

[redacted] — [redacted]

went fishing together — in grade school — 7th grade

Mgr —

S. MWE ⇒ downtown

[redacted] deceased —

— writing a book

classmate of RJ Shelton — Roman seminarian

fr. Bottles ⇒ prof. tried to make a pass at him

got a phone call for him — wanted counseling for

before Cruise [redacted] FB — met him at a hotel

FB — tried to seduce FB — discovered

— ed. of Cath. Herald in Superior (Jim Leahy?)

priest in Superior writing porn letters to another

priest — ~~phone~~ other priest passed one on to FB

Richard Grdina gave to Sentinel —

activities in bars, baths, bushes —

describe perverted activities in sections here

— fantasy act good only kids —

go Sentinel asked FB for interview

FB furnished Grdina names of priests in MWICE he knew

info went to [redacted] — Grdina sent

she asks FB to write book together —

name pen pals

Grdina — FB) "I think I did sleep in his bed at

vacation saying mass"

Grdina — tried to masturbate FB —

FB — "I don't want this"

1977 FB ⇒ went back to parish — left family in Wisconsin

I've never told anyone all this before.

I was an abused child - verbally, emotionally

predictive of my class - h.s.

Becker

	Date	Entry
(1)	1/10/81	#32
(2)	8/17/82	#740
(3)	12/1/82	#1060 410
(4)	1/29/83	#112
(5)	4/19/85	#37
(6)	7/26/1990	#600
(7)	2/24/93	#107
(8)	12/1/94 (1970's)	letter from [redacted]
(9)	8/7/94	Call from [redacted]
(10)	2/11/80	letter admitting

[redacted]

always knew he was a potential time bomb
i.e. i.e. a Ted Nichols but not as aggressive

took on a cruise - told people on cruise he
was Ted uncle / shared a cabin together
don't know when charges would come

knew / no to parish
↓
hospital

mo / - Zev is on a kid - take a long page
/ tip of seductive ☆ kid -

he / bee stepper
seducing kids → parents tremendous grateful
for help him under their wing

parents reluctant to press except to extricate
kid

world's greatest scattershot & numbskull
[redacted] - pushes down real fast
bad judgement -
put Kinsey in dark - light -
Mercedes key / flash dresser

I think everywhere's he's gone → trail of seduction

age 16, 17, 18 – rescued –

12 013 –

copy of notes from mtg w/ Joe Hornacek on 12/26/02

Franklyn Becker

[1st indic. of poss prob - fall 1970 - report by mother re son - no follow-up]

2/22/80 - 2 parishioners aware of "unfort. incident" w/ teenage boy - prob. no name, ma [redacted]

Becker promised tx + not to do it again, requested transfer

1981 mtg w/ parents of boy + Fr. Vanicky seeing [redacted]

letter to Weak. recommitting to celibacy

8/1982 - [redacted] calls Vicar re his bro + sis-in-law - concerned re rel. w/their son

parents told to confront Becker

12/8/82 - Fr. Heffernan reported to Vicarre Carrib. cruise w/ boy [redacted]

mother supported Fr Becker

- sent to hospital chaplaincy - never assigned to parish again

hosp. chapl. help-out while seeking week/4 tx + under monitoring

4 eval in 2/83 - gay,

1964 - rector learned of rel w/ fellow student

sev. rels. w/ teenage boys reported - antic. further acting out

other allegs after 83 no notes '85 - '88

'90 - complaint by [redacted] while chaplain at hosp.

'93 [redacted] contacted Venne - threatens harm to Becker

~~assigned to Cascade '95 - '96~~

help-out since '91

'96 - another eval. -

'84 - psychiatrist [redacted] recs another assignment bec of "progress"

becomes chaplain at West Allis Mem. - term extended in '90 despite complaint

left in '91 because of poor performance as chaplain - he's tired of complaints

Becker writes to [redacted]

'93 [redacted] incident

'96 Becker agrees to another eval - refuses residential tx rec.

starts seeing [redacted] sees Monitor

1987

St. Eugene's - Assoc Pastor

St. John's - S Milw thru 1982 - Assoc. Pastor

late '82 - goes to St. Eugene's

Joe Hornacek's notes from review of vicar files

Rev Franklyn W. Becker DOB 7-15-37
Ordained 5-22-64

Holy Assumption W.A. 7-1-64

Chancery file — letter of 10-21-91 Becker to Deganich re packet received from [redacted] + request for embarrassment caused by having Deganich's name mentioned in a newspaper article. He desires a face relationship w Richard Sipe (Albba in Clarmont in Reno)

— letter of 11-30-96 Becker to Wiedeland expresses "desire for a reconciliation w you + the Church of Notre"

— letter of 1-30-97 Strand to Becker acknowledges Becker in accepting consequence of his actions. Becker is seen as an insurance risk because of his conduct. He is allowed to continue his present work + ~~continued~~ required to see Dr Marlene Drachuk weekly + to report to monitor + even Dan Mc Kenna monthly.

— Becker begins CPE training 9-1-83 @ St Louis

— 11-23-83 Becker now seeing Dr [redacted], psychiatrist + Jennifer meets w him.

— 5-26-84 Dr [redacted] recommends to Jennifer Becker could be considered for a parish appt because of "progress" he has made.

— Problem finding any kind of placement for Becker

Chaplain to WA Memorial 11-6-84

— 6-5-85 Completes 2 units of CPE @ St Louis

No Vienna notes from April '85 to April '88

— 2-26-90 [redacted] complain about attention being shown to Rev. Gay. Becker since he was a patient at WA Mem

— 9-19-90 Becker's term is extended at WA Mem

— 8-21-91 " program to Lemay

—10-21-91 see last Page

—2-24-93 Vienna notes call from [redacted] re Becker's alleged sexual behavior while @ St Vincent Mary in '72. [redacted] threatened to kill Becker & to commit suicide

— 3-7-93 Vienna notifies Becker about [redacted] allegations

Where is apt letter for Becker?

1-19-96 Staub meets w Becker who agrees to another eval — St Louis

2-8-96 Becker refuses residential treatment program while meeting in Diva

3-6-96 Staub orders Becker to early Disabled

7-18-01 Signed down report of [redacted]

Inside file

- Early '70 note from Thompson states - Mrs James Hallman came to Chancery to tell Jr problem she has w son (John + Jr Becker were followers then & time time. note filed 6-23-76
- 2-22-80 letter to Jr, Reg Visit from [redacted] stating they are aware of no unfortunate incident w Jr Becker & a teenage boy of the parish (signed to [redacted] but back for support of Becker
- 2-11-80 letter of Becker to Weckland at advice of Hancock - regrets incident w boy; mother will not press charges; asks for transfer from St Margaret Mary - will meet w [redacted]
- 1-10-81 Janicki notes Heffron reported a mother of 7th grade boy states Becker is intimate w her son - holding hands during movie, engages in touching during swimming party held w Parents, Becker + Janicki Becker using [redacted] now
- 8-2-81 Becker writes Weckland recommitting self to rules of celibacy
- 8-17-82 Jr Toast calls Janicki to report his brother + sister-in-law are concerned over relationship of Becker + their teenage son Becker spends a lot of time w him + has given him a gift. Parents told by Janicki to confront Becker directly.
- 12-1-82 Heffron tells Janicki Becker took 7th grade boy on Caribbean cruise w him. Boy's mother regrets giving permission
- 12-7-82 Janicki meets w Becker who admits bad judgment in taking boy on cruise & states other than this, negative. Janicki recommends group therapy beginning [redacted]
- 12-10-82 Hancock reports to Janicki that 3 mo ago Becker told some at St John's Mc parishioners he was homosexual - several staff & trustees, state Becker made passes to boys.
- 12-22-82 [redacted] tells Janicki Becker agrees to psych eval. at St John Institute, Wash.
- 1-11-83 Becker will move into Bethany House

1-29-83 Jamichi learns from Jenny Ann Schulz of Becker contacts to see boy he took on cruise + another boy from St Eugene's parish against will + beyond mother's wishes.

2-14-83 Email from Wasson Mental Health Association shows Becker is gay + participates in gay activities + engages speaking out in favor of alternate lifestyles (Admires Woodward b stance on gay rights in Cath Herald) to news media.

The Email stated Becker's admission of homosexual relationship w a fellow student [redacted]. It was reported by the other student to Rector. Becker discussed it w the Bishop in March '82. Because it was a "first" nothing else was done. He admitted to several close relationships w adolescent 12-16 yr old boys during his parish years + admitted one physical relationship.

Recommendations & his sexual orientation are not likely to change. He will continue to act out sexually w adolescents males if given the opportunity. Psychotherapy will not change this & will not prevent further acting out.

3-8-83 [redacted], mother of [redacted], whom Becker took on cruise, supports Becker & states she believes he has been good influence on her son & nothing sexually happened on cruise.

3-15-83 Without mention of Becker's name Jamichi discusses his situation to Fr Michael McCann who recommends no assignment where he could possibly be in contact w minors - further supports restriction from all ministry for 5 yrs.

3-30-83 Becker in meeting w Dr [redacted], psychiatrist

4-6-83 Mtg reports seeing Becker w [redacted] at Bethany

5-10-83 Dr [redacted] tells Jamichi Becker is ego-centric pedophile & homosexual. He is unable to stop himself from following them or urges. Parish visits is out of the question but would allow hospitalizing. Becker agrees to work w psychiatrist.

6-10-83 Jamichi asks Becker to work weekly w Zimmerman

date	note	place	descriptor
79	FB	Marg Mary	• sex with youth
83	FB	psych eval	• numerous ages 12 and 16
1/10/81	32	S Milw	• 7th grade • touching in pool • held hand at movie
8/17/82	740	S Milw	• [redacted] (teen) • gifts
12/1/82	1060	S Milw	• took on cruise • 1/29/83 continuing relaj • 4/6/83 seen by Metz at transitional residence (410)
12/10/82	1104	S Milw	• homosexuality remarks to [redacted] and [redacted] • sexuality references in high school retreat (summer 82)
12/14/82		S Milw	blind musician • poking • hid microphone • public denunciation
1/29/83 ~~12/1/94~~	112	St Eugenes	• [redacted] child • continuing with cruise boy
2/14/83	176	sick	• statement of gay issues
5/10/83		sick	• Wausau report - pedophile
4/19/85	37	chaplain West Allis	• sponsor of young man
7/26/90	600	chaplain	• [redacted] undue attention
2/24/93	107	unassgn during 8/1/79	• [redacted] (HS grad)
12/1/94	[redacted]	3/72 on	• molested 7 year old son • unclear about others • friend of family 11 years
8/7/9~~5~~	contact	1971 Nepomec 1972	• took to Y and grabbed • movies (inappropriate) • HS frosh to WFB and attempted intercourse

therapists and evals:

- 1/10/81 Olen
- 2/14/83 evaluation at Wausau Mental Health Associates
- 11/23/83 [redacted]
- 12/2/83 CPE with [redacted]

[redacted]

RECEIVED
JAN 27 1983

January 26, 1983

Rev. Joseph Janicki
2462 N. Prospect Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Father Janicki:

I am writing this letter in regard to a priest who is, as of Sunday, "awaiting assignment" and is presently up in Wausau undergoing a series of psychological tests. I am referring of course to Franklyn Becker.

I have deliberated over the past few days as to the wisdom of writing this letter. However, since you seem to be the one who has taken personal charge of his case, I decided to go ahead and write you. Lyn has been a very close friend of mine and my family for over eleven years, ever since he was assigned to Holy Family parish in Whitefish Bay. I have tried over the years to be a supportive friend. At the same time I have not blindly condoned many of his actions and patted him on the head just because he was a priest. I have seen him create the situations which led to his many uprootings, from Whitefish Bay, to Waukesha, to West Virginia, to St. Louis, to San Diego and finally back to Milwaukee.

I summoned the courage to write you because I am genuinely concerned about him, first as a human being, and secondly, as a priest with a future here in Milwaukee. Since, as I understand it, you were a classmate of his , I am sure you are aware that Lyn has few, if any, really close friends of long duration among either his priest peers, or the people he has met through his various assignments. He withdraws from any intimate, close relationships that require any giving on his part. I am a tenacious, bull-headed German, however, and have managed to hang in there as his friend, stormy though the road has been at times. He is a very attractive, sensitive man, a person who can seem to take a real interest in people's problems and thus has no trouble in drawing an admiring group of supporters around him early in an assignment. As time goes on and people become more aware of the real Lyn Becker and his many problems, including those with young boys, his new-found friends either walk away and don't want any part of him or a remaining few continue to believe his "poor, misunderstood priest" story and are quite willing to feed both his and their egos by wining and dining him in the manner consistent with his lifestyle. It's relatively easy to "buy" your own personal priest, especially one with his tastes.

From lengthy conversations with him over the past few weeks, I get the impression that the Archdiocese is finally beginning to draw the net around him and take more drastic steps to deal with his problem, other than merely directing him to [redacted] I sincerely hope this is true. Anything less than this would merely be putting a bandaid on a bleeding sore to hid it from view without taking care of the sore. Therefore, my concern is that you might be misled by his "I'll play their game as long as it gets me a parish" attitude which I have perceived over the past weeks. While outwardly displaying acquiescence, I feel he is, on the other hand, still taunting you and others in authority. This was evidenced by his appearance at the deacon ordination

last Saturday at the Cathedral with the young boy he took on the cruise last November, which incident was partially responsible for his removal from St. John's. His sole reason for being at the cathedral was to witness the ordination of a friend and former parishioner from St. Margaret Mary, who was well aware of the circumstances of his removal from there. His appearance with the boy caused much comment. It again proved either his lack of judgment and discretion OR his intent to flagrantly wave his attraction to young boys in the faces of his fellow priests and/or former parishioners from St. Margaret Mary. I think this incident proves he is really back on square one as far as any self awareness or perception of his problems.

I would hope, and assume, Father Janicki, that the contents of this letter would remain confidential. I am sure that if he ever knew I had written you it would be the final termination of our friendship and I would hate to see that. I think he may in the weeks and months ahead, need a friend who is not only supportive but who can get away with slapping his hands and voicing disapproval of his acts of indiscretion. Our friendship has endured enough and is such that I can do that. It would be unfortunate, I believe, if this were taken away from him. My concern is that you do not turn him out into a parish as a pastor, or team member (which he seems to feel he has been promised by the Archbishop) until he is truly judged capable of handling it by very competent psychologists, psychiatrists, or whatever.

I'm sure you can recognize that Lyn can be a very creative, sensitive, caring and warm individual and can, on many occasions, function well as a priest. At present, however, he is incapable of doing this for any extended period of time on a consistent basis. And this he won't be able to do until he recognizes his problems and shortcomings and willingly takes steps to overcome them. He is far from this realization. Until then, any new assignment would be just another bandaid and an innocent parish could get hurt.

Thanks for listening. I <u>am</u> concerned about him.

[redacted]

[redacted] M.D.
PSYCHIATRIST

[redacted]
SHOREWOOD, WISCONSIN 53211
TELEPHONE [redacted]

June 20, 1984

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Reverend Joseph A. Janicki
Vicar for Priest Personnel
3501 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

Dear Father Janicki:

This letter is to keep you posted on Father Franklyn Becker's progress and my current recommendations regarding him. I last saw him yesterday, June 19, 1984, after a two week hiatus in treatment due to my recent vacation. He has been doing very well in treatment and making much progress at recognizing and doing something positive about his passive/agressiveness. He is becoming increasingly direct, and mature in his emotional responses and interactions. He is also finding it easier and more satisfactory to interact socially with those closer to his age.

However, as you know or suspect difficulty with dealing with either dominating or highly neurotic adult females (remindful of mother) can be an exhausting and stressful task for him. I fear that exiling him to chaplaincy for retired or physically ill nuns could lead to uncontrolled recrudescence of any or all of his problems. If the unconscious processes didn't get him, slowly increasing anger would almost certainly lead to a breakdown in the wellness he has begun to achieve relating to his passive/aggressiveness and manipulativeness.

It seems to me that the very best type of placement for him at this juncture as he seems to be proving himself for quite some time now, would be to place him in a small to medium sized community, ideally as associate priest--in a community large enough to have two priests serving the same church yet small enough that he could be kept under sufficient scrutiny by the other priest and by the forces which naturally operate in a smaller community. I discussed this recommendation with him, and he seems very happy to accept such a position could one be found. It is my belief that he could even be trusted with a sole pastorate, but I understand how you might see that as too great of a risk.

I would recommend that you review the February 1983 reports from Psychology Associates in Wausau and that you consider my remarks and recommendations in light of the description of Lyn's psychological makeup contained therein.

Very Sincerely,

[redacted] M.D.

MGD/dbs

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

December 1, 1994

Archbishop Rembert Weakland
Cousins Center
3501 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Dear Archbishop Weakland:

I read with great interest your article in the November 13 *Milwaukee Journal*. While for many years I did not think that you or the Archdiocese was adequately dealing with the problem of clergy abuse, recently I have felt you had become more forthright in addressing the problem. However, several quotes from that article, "...I have never dealt with a pedophile." and "[I] know[s] of no local priests who are true pedophiles" make me wonder if you truly *are* confronting the problem.

I find those two statements of yours very surprising as I am the mother of a young boy who, as a [redacted] was abused by a parish priest in Whitefish Bay in the 1970's. As I later found out, this priest had a record in his previous parish and after leaving Whitefish Bay, continued on his merry way in parish after parish, both here and out of state. According to anyone's definition, he was a pedophile. And he is still one of your priests in the archdiocese.

At the time that his offense against my son occurred, I was [redacted] children, very vulnerable and very committed to seeing that my children be educated in Catholic schools. That's how he came to know my sons; we took him into our hearts and into our family.

I will not go into the details of this priest's relationship with my family over the years. I was very naive and flattered that he took an interest in my boys, particularly the younger one. Neither of these boys had "reached puberty," which age category you use to distinguish between pedophilia and ephebophilia.

You did remove this priest from parish work some years ago and persuaded him to go into hospital ministry. Accusations followed him throughout his stint in hospital work and he was abruptly terminated from his last assignment several years ago. He is now prematurely "retired," taking care of his elderly mother and helping out on weekends in neighboring parishes. For removing him from parish work, I commend you.

I was pleased to read your remarks indicating an understanding of the trauma and lasting effects such incidents leave on the victim's family, if your remarks were indeed sincere. It was many years before I realized the

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seriousness of this problem in my family. While I was at some point aware of this priest's reputation, I thought he held my family in too high a regard to try anything with either of my boys. As I indicated above, he was literally one of the family, and I was from a generation that had great faith in the Church and its clergy and put priests on a pedestal. Looking back, I can see that I was in a state of denial while much of this was going on.

It wasn't until the Ilsly and then the Effinger matter made headlines in the newspaper that I grasped the seriousness of my son's abuse. At that time my older son made the remark that if his brother were living in Milwaukee, he would probably be leading the parade in suing the Archdiocese. I was shocked at his remark.

At no time did it ever occur to me to sue the Archdiocese or the priest. [redacted] I believe we live in too litigious a society. Money could never heal the scars left by one priest's indiscretion. However, Archbishop Weakland, don't for a minute smugly think that the only cases of clergy abuse out there are the ones that sue and/or run to the media. All I really wanted over the past years was an acknowledgment by you and the Archdiocese that this problem existed and the seriousness of it. I still don't believe it would have caught your attention if various victims had not gone to the press. Therefore, I question whether your compassion is truly voluntary, but I do appreciate your efforts to make up for lost time.

In addition to a deep sense of guilt for allowing, or even encouraging, this to happen to my son some years ago, I have in the past few years experienced a loss of faith, an indifference to the Church I was brought up in, and now a real bitterness that this particular priest has been "rewarded" with early retirement for a lifetime of botched assignments due to his fondness for the altar boys. He is doing exactly what he has wanted to do for many years -- live at home with mother and make a career out of being a cruise chaplain, even to the extent of having calling cards made up indicating such. I find this very hard to accept.

I would be interested to know if you have any support groups for the families of children abused by the clergy and if so, if you could send me information on them. I'm sure there are many good Catholic families out there trying to cope with this problem but too ashamed to discuss it with family or friends.

[redacted]

September 1, 1995

I give Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki and her clinical team permission to review Father Franklyn Becker's personnel and vicar's files for the purpose of evaluating and investigation of allegations.

+ Rembert G. Weakland

Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Archdiocese of Milwaukee
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Re: Rev. Franklyn Becker

7/15/37
D.O.B.

I, Rev. Franklyn Becker, hereby request and authorize the exchange of information between Catholic Social Services, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Dr. Elizabeth Piasecki, Vicar for Clergy, Archbishop R. Weakland, Bishop R. Sklba, and St. Louis Consultation Center regarding myself. I am aware that the disclosure of this informtion is for the purpose of pyschological evaluation : evaluation of allegations of sexual misconduct. This authorization may be revoked by me at any time and will expire in one year.

I am aware that this information will be disclosed from my personnel records and other records at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Information to be disclosed includes:

X	Psychiatric Findings)	
X	Psychological Findings)	1983 Report from Psychology
X	Social Work Findings)	Associates, Wausau, WI
X	Physical Findings)	
	Recommendations)	
X	Other (Specify) Case material related to sexual abuse allegations	

Client's Signature Franklyn W. Becker Date 1/19/96

Witness Carol C Staub Date 1/19/96

RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTRY
REV. FRANKLYN BECKER

1. You will continue in individual therapy with Dr. [redacted] and will cooperate with the Vicar for Clergy in any other requests for continued treatment.

2. You will have no contact with minors whatsoever. There are no exceptions.

3. You will have no overnight guests in your place of residence.

4. Your ministry is limited to help out work **only** as directed and permitted by the Vicar for Clergy. Any other requests for ministry (e.g. cruise chaplaincy) must be cleared **in advance** by the Vicar for Clergy and the Chancery.

5. You will avoid all places and persons who have been sources or occasions of serious temptations to violate sexual morality. This includes functions on university and school campuses unless you have received permission from the Vicar for Clergy in advance of that function.

6. You will engage in regular spiritual direction with an individual approved by the Vicar for Clergy.

7. You will be obedient to the directives of the Archbishop regarding any further specifications which he might impose or request concerning your participation in treatment, ministry, and/or your personal life.

8. You will refrain from any retaliatory action against those who have reported on your prior behavior, their families, or those whose duty it is to impose accountability. This includes no contact whatsoever with the media.

9. You will refrain from conversation about the sexual orientation of other priests both publicly and privately.

10. You will cooperate with the monitor appointed by the Vicar for Clergy regarding oversight of compliance with these restrictions and conditions for ministry.

11. Review of these restriction will be at six month intervals or as directed by the Vicar for Clergy. It is your responsibility to cooperate with that review.

Dear Liz,

There is no doubt that counseling him out of ministry would be the best solution. It would not be easy for him to get work, but we could try to help in that regard as we have with others.

This is the first I had heard of any abuse of this elderly mother.

Peace.

-Rick

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Entry for the File of [redacted]
By Barbara Reinke

April 4, 2002

I received a call from [redacted] a victim of Father Franklyn Becker. [redacted] has been following the Milwaukee Journal stories online, and is seeking information about whether Franklyn Becker is one of the six priests currently on assignment. I assured him that Franklyn Becker is not on assignment and has not been for several years. Franklyn Becker is currently in extensive counseling and monitoring, and lives with his mother. [redacted] was grateful for this information. I suggested that [redacted] could direct his anger about not releasing names to authorities in a letter to the Bishop. I also indicated to [redacted] that we would assist with brief therapy for the reactivation that has occurred. [redacted] can be reached at the following web address [redacted] I note that he might contact me again as needed.

BR:saz

Status Report	Rev. Franklyn Becker
June 2004	Person # 2

On Wednesday, June 2, 2004 at 11:20AM I met Fr. Becker at the Mug & Muffin Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

Fr. Becker arrived in his new Toyota Camry XLE. He parked it at the far end of the parking lot where it wasn't by any other vehicles. I teased him about this. His response was now he had a poor man's car. He pointed this out to me several times before and after our meeting.

He asked if there was anything new about him at the archdiocese. I advised him that I was not aware of anything having come back from Rome as of yet. He is concerned about laicization.

I did tell him again that because of the budget deficit we would have to go "Dutch" and pay for our own lunches. He asked if there were any other cuts coming, such as to his monthly check. I said that I didn't know of anything else being cut that would affect him.

He said he had been feeling down. He said it was because he had to celebrate his 40th anniversary of ordination alone. He said he went to Fr. Charlie's (~~Whalen~~) ~~45th~~ Wester anniversary Mass on 5-30 and recalled his own ordination on the same day. Fr. Charlie had a big Mass at the parish. His picture was on the bulletin. The parish gave him a stole and a check for $1,800.00. He, Fr. Becker, had nothing and received nothing. He was to have received his 40th anniversary stole from the archbishop at this year's spring assembly. He said he spoke to a couple of his classmate and they had received notes or cards of congratulations from Joe (Fr. Joseph Hornacek, Vicar for Clergy). He got nothing and couldn't even celebrate the anniversary of his first Mass on 5-31.

He said that he hadn't heard anything more from California. He had turned over the request from California for access to his personnel records from Milwaukee and San Diego to his criminal attorney in Milwaukee. The attorney did nothing with them and in fact missed the deadline for a response. He called the attorney and had the paperwork faxed to Attorney pat Madden who lives in the area of Fr. Becker's residence. Attorney Madden looked over the papers and suggested that Fr. Becker write a letter to the authorities in California explaining he felt these issues were of a confidential nature and he wouldn't authorize their release.

Fr. Becker said he did write and send the letter apologizing for the delay stating he had moved and the papers didn't get to him in time.

He said Attorney Madden sent him a bill for $76.00 for this service. He then reiterated that he had given his criminal attorney $15,000.00 last year and the man didn't do anything. They did negotiate a break and Fr. Becker got $3,000.00 back. But the point is that Fr. Becker doesn't know what will happen to him next and he can't afford to keep paying these attorney's fees. He wonders if the archdiocese shouldn't be paying some of the attorney's fees since they are involved in these matters also.

He brought up compensation several times. He said he heard the priests were getting a raise and that they weren't happy. I explained the 5% proposal and the reasoning for cutting it to 2 ½%. I said with the 25 people being let go from the Cousins

Center we didn't even know if we would get any kind of a raise. He mused as to whether or not he would get some kind of cost-of-living raise after July 1.

Hr brought up retirement. He said that he will be 66 this July. He can't get social security until he is 70. He knows there are some priests that have been allowed to retired before they turned 68. He wonders if he would be allowed to retire and what would happen to his pension if he did so and was laicized. We discussed pensions, etc. and he asked me to make a few inquiries for him about these matters. He is afraid to do so himself.

He said he thought about looking for employment but just can't do so. He said he is under way too much anxiety at this time in his life. He mentioned California, attorney's fees, lack of income, loss of income via laicization and potential loss of all pension benefits. (It was apparent to me that he had more anxiety than usual).

He brought up health insurance costs. He said that [redacted] and [redacted] his therapists, were working to get him some benefits from an out dated disability policy he used to have. He hopes for some income from it but doesn't think it will happen. He also said he is concerned about the weekly visits to [redacted] and how he would pay for them as his insurance coverage has about run out.

I asked him about his visits. He said he meets with [redacted] weekly and periodically with [redacted]. He said they just sit and talk as he and I do. He doesn't think he needs to see [redacted] once per week. He thinks once per month would be adequate.

I asked about his current stress and anxiety levels. I asked whether or not he felt he would benefit form being on some type of medication. He said he has never been on these kinds of medication and didn't really want to go on them. He also worries about the cost of these medications on his budget. He did say [redacted] gave him her home telephone number a long time ago and that she told him is he ever feels he needs some medication(s) he should just call her and she would prescribe something.

In discussing his visits with [redacted] I suggested he contact Fr. Joe (Hornacek) to determine whether or not he could reduce his visits to once per month.

[redacted]

Fr. Becker said he continues to monitor the priest sexual misconduct scandal on an almost daily basis via the computer. He checks what is going on in California and

Milwaukee. He believes that [redacted] his accuser in California, is a member of SNAP and a leader in the cry for justice. He worries that he will soon have to give a deposition and where that might occur. He worries whether it would be for the defense or the prosecution and who would pay.

I provided Fr. Becker with my new home telephone number and told him he was free to call me at anytime, especially if he felt overwhelmed by anxiety, depressions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich
June 2, 2004

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Status Report
April 2004

Rev. Franklyn Becker
Person # 2

I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at 11:30AM at the Mug & Muffin Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

Fr. Becker said he had received a somewhat thick packet of legal materials from the State of California. He said that many of the victims of clergy abuse had joined together to file a class action suit against the diocese of San Diego. He mentioned that Attorney Jeffrey Anderson, who is representing some of the victims here in a suit against our archdiocese, is one of the attorneys' names within the paper work he received. He said that the materials asked for him to voluntarily send his personnel files to them for review.

He said that he didn't know what files they wanted. Did they want the files from California or Wisconsin or both? He said he didn't know whether or not he should comply with the request and send anything.

I asked him if he had spoken to an attorney and had the paperwork reviewed. He said he had called Attorney Smith, who had been representing him in the extradition hearing. He said he had done so because he felt they owed him some work since they charged him $12,000.00 and really didn't have to do anything. Attorney Smith is looking over the paperwork.

He said he also contacted Attorney Pat Madden, a local attorney and someone he knows. Pat Madden told him confidentially that Smith had overcharged him as far as Madden was concerned. Madden also asked for a copy of the paperwork so he could review it for Fr. Becker.

Fr. Becker contacted Attorney Smith's office and they are forwarding a set to Attorney Madden for his review.

I told Fr. Becker he was right in having a lawyer review all of the documents that were sent by California. I would not send them anything back. I would wait until a court had ordered a subpoena and was specific in what it wanted in the way of "personnel files".

It was obvious that this has upset Fr. Becker and he is afraid he might have to return to California to stand trial or go to jail.

He was also upset that California would listen to [redacted] his accuser. [redacted] has a lot of problems and is just trying to get money. Fr. Becker said that he is mad that he has never been able to tell his side of the story.

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He said [redacted] calls him regularly. [redacted] continues to lose weight. He also continues to drive to West Bend to a Wal-Mart store to buy food such as cucumbers. He does this because they are the best and Wal-Mart has the best price. We continue to laugh at this reasoning compared to the drive and cost of gasoline.

He said [redacted] continues to call [redacted] a woman who used to work at the parish he was at in Lomira. Fr. Becker wonders if he drives her a little nuts also. He said [redacted]. [redacted] checks the computer often to get copies of parish bulletins that he is interested in. Fr. Becker asked me if I knew that I could get a copy of every Sunday bulletin by going to the archdiocesan web site. I said I didn't know this.

Fr. Becker said some people at the archdiocese will be happy with him. He smiled and continued. He said he is turning in his Lexus for a new Camry at Jack Safro Toyota tomorrow. He was going to wait until December but he got a good deal coupled with a $1,000.00 rebate. The car is the same color as the one he is driving now because he likes the tan. He said this should save him about $150.00 per month. He is taking out a 4-year lease on the Camry.

He continues to be very worried about money. He wonders if the archdiocese will keep sending him a check. He recalled, as he does almost every time we meet, that Bishop Sklba once said to him, "Don't worry Franklyn. The Church will take care of you." He wonders what Bishop Sklba meant by this.

He said that he was chewing something recently and suddenly it didn't feel right. Upon checking he found it was part of one of his crowns. He went to the dentist. The dentist said the crown had been fixed once before and they should do a new one. The dentist removed the old one and gave Fr. Becker a temporary. Next week he goes back for the new crown. He is concerned that this will probably cost about $700.00. He wondered how much insurance might cover.

I asked him about his trip to Omaha for his niece's wedding. He said he didn't go. He said he hadn't been feeling well. He didn't know if it was a virus or what but he just didn't want to spend the time in an airport, at the wedding, etc. not feeling good.

He said his brother was not happy with him because he didn't call him for about two-weeks. When they finally did talk his brother was all right.

He said he went to his doctor for his annual checkup. The doctor told him his cholesterol was higher than before and increased the dosage of Lipitor that Fr. Becker is on. He is not happy about this. He also said the doctor told him that his PSI level is slightly elevated and that the doctor will check it again in 3-months.

I asked him if he had started walking yet. He said that he had not but now with the nicer weather coming he was planning on doing so.

He mentioned his attempted visit to see Fr. John O'Brien. He said Fr. O'Brien has never called him back. He guesses Fr. O'Brien just wants to be left alone.

He mentioned the upcoming spring assembly. He said he heard that (Fr.) Mike Krejci had forced the issue and that the archbishop had changed his position and is allowing suspended priests to come. I asked him if he was going. He said that he was not. He didn't need people staring at him or saying something about him. He said it is his fortieth year as a priest and he should be getting a stole from the archbishop at the assembly. He wonders if he will even get a stole.

He said that his therapist has been questioning him regarding his insurance and whether the archdiocese will continue to pay for his therapy when his insurance coverage runs out. I said I didn't know how that worked.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich
April 28, 2004

Status Report — Rev. Franklyn Becker
March 2004 — Person # 2

I Met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 at 12:25 pm at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.
He asked whether or not I had heard anything new about him. I said that I had not. I advised him nothing had been returned from Rome as of yet.

He stated that he was continuing to worry about money. He repeated that he can not go on social security until he is 70 years of age because he didn't join the program early enough.

He continues to wonder whether or not his salary will continue and for how long. He wonders whether or not there will be a cost of living increase this year.

He also brought up retirement. He said that he doesn't know what he is entitled to upon retirement. He doesn't know if health insurance coverage would continue or if he would have to pay for that our of his retirement income.

I asked him if he had spoken to any about these questions, either another priest or Wayne Schneider. He said that he had not. He is afraid to call Wayne Schneider because he is afraid of the answer(s) he might be given. He also doesn't want to ask before he knows what his ultimate status in the Church may be.

We talked about Easter and Holy Week. He said that he is flying out to Omaha on Good Friday. A niece is getting married in a Lutheran church there on Saturday. Then he is flying back home on Easter Sunday.

I asked him why he wasn't staying a few days longer since his brother, brother's wife and other relatives would be there. He just said he didn't want to intrude as they all had plans to do things. He did say his niece asked him to say a blessing before the meal at the reception on Saturday evening.

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He mentioned Fr. O'Brien and asked if I had heard anything about him. I said I had no new news. Fr. Becker said he went to a function or store and ran into Fr. O'Brien's sister. He asked how Fr. O'Brien was and she told him that he was doing all right. She said that he, Fr. O'Brien, goes over to Ireland a lot. Other than that he is living in a home on the family farm.

Fr. Becker took a drive one day recently and drove up to the farm to visit Fr. O'Brien. He had a nice drive but no one was at home when he arrived there.

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He said he continues to see his therapist. He recently asked her and her husband to fill out some paper work for his disability insurance carrier. He thinks he is eligible for some type of disability payout. He said the insurance company sent the wrong paperwork stating they sent papers asking for his physician's report. He had to call and spell out it was for psychiatric care. They sent the new forms and he is waiting for them to be completed and submitted.

He has not been exercising much because of the continued colder temperatures. He hopes to start walking more once the temperatures warm up. However, he is concerned about walking as he has been plagued by sciatic pain in his right leg for several months. He has been going to a chiropractor for sometime, seeing him several times per week. He said the man is not approved of by his insurance carrier so he submits the bills, gets the check and turns it over to the chiropractor.

We spoke about this treatment and I suggested that all of the "adjustings" might be the cause for continued sciatic pain. I recommended that it might be better for him to see his physician, obtain pain and muscle relaxing prescriptions and allow the sciatic nerve to heal. I shared my own bouts with lower back and sciatic nerve pain with him. He said he would think about it.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich
March 31, 2004

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Status Report
January 2004

Rev. Franklyn Becker
Person # 2

I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 11:30 AM at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

Fr. Becker asked me if I had heard anything more about his case. I said that I hadn't. I indicated everyone is waiting for Rome to make the next move.

He said he was doing all right since the death of his mother. He thanked me for the card. He said he was surprised by the number of cards he had received. He said he got a number of cards from people he never would have expected and many of the people he thought he would hear from, he didn't. He said he got cards from brother priests as well as from Bishop Fliss, Bishop Bruskiewicz and Bishop Sklba. He was very appreciative of this support.

He did comment that he never heard a word from Fr. John Yockey. He thought this was strange. He wonders if Fr. Yockey is mad at him for some reason or something.

We talked about this and he said that he thought he would drive over to the rectory at St. Jerome's to see Fr. Yockey and ask him if something was wrong. He did admit that Fr. Yockey and he don't see each other that much since he can no longer be a help-out.

He said he does find himself getting ready to drive over to the nursing home about the same time every day as was his practice when his mother was alive and living there. He misses her but is happy she didn't have to suffer form long term memory loss like Alzheimer's patients do.

He said that he had recently gone to visit Fr. Ron Crewe at Sacred Heart Parish in Racine. He spent the night. He had never been to the parish before. They had a nice visit.

He said his brother's daughter had given birth to a baby girl since we last spoke. He said he is using some frequent flyer miles to go to Florida on February 2 for one week to visit the family. The niece has a home and Fr. Becker's brother and wife are staying with her. He was invited to stay there also but thinks it would be a little much with a new baby, parents and an uncle in the house. He called a retreat center he is aware of but they are booked the week he would be in Florida. He has two-nights stay booked at area hotels but is interested in checking out other retreat centers in the area. He is looking forward to seeing his family and enjoying the warmer weather.

He mentioned he continues to worry about money. People probably think he inherited money from his mother. Just the opposite; she had some insurance to cover her funeral but it cost more than she had. When he does get the insurance he and his brother will have to add to it to cover the costs.

He said he has about 1 year to go on his Lexus lease. He can't wait to get out of the monthly payment and get something cheaper. He doesn't know what it will be, but it will definitely be much less per month.

We spoke about employment and even just something part-time to give him a couple of extra dollars in his pocket. He said the same thing he has for some time, "What could he possibly do?" He has basically dismissed the idea of obtaining employment. Yet makes references to what he might do if he loses the income he currently gets from the archdiocese.

If and when the time comes that he is dropped from any monetary assistance by the archdiocese, he most likely will need close counseling and monitoring to prevent self-inflicted harm to himself.

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Fr. Becker said he went to the Clergy Night Out sponsored by Marquette University. He said he saw a number of old priest friends. He said he had a good time.

He said his back continues to bother him. He is seeing a chiropractor twice a week. He also sees [redacted] his therapist, every Tuesday. He said his life seems to revolve around appointments.

Fr. Becker appeared to be doing all right and making adjustments since his mother's death.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich
January 21, 2004

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Status report
November 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker
Person # 2

On Wednesday, November 19, 2003 at 11:30 AM I met Fr. Becker at the Main Street Depot located in Oconomowoc.

After being seated at our table he asked, "Did you bring me any more bad news?" I said that I hadn't but then asked him what had happened. He asked me if I had heard anything about him. I said that I had not.

Fr. Becker then said that he had been contacted by Fr. Joe (Hornacek) a few days before. Fr. Joe told him that Rome had sent back his, Fr. Becker's, case. In doing so they asked Archbishop Dolan to contact Fr. Becker to see if he, Fr. Becker, would voluntarily apply for laicization. Fr. Joe then asked him if he would seek voluntary laicization. Fr. Becker replied that he would not do so.

Fr. Becker is very concerned about what would happen if he did seek voluntary laicization. He wonders what the archdiocese's responsibility would be toward him financially if he did this. Would it free up the archdiocese to just dump him? Would they continue to give him some kind of a salary? Would they continue to pay for health insurance? He stated he has been a priest for 40 years. The archdiocese owes him some kind of a living wage out of simple justice.

He said Fr. Joe asked him to write a letter to him stating that he would not seek voluntary laicization. He has since done so.

I asked if he had spoken to Pat Leggas, the canon lawyer, about this. He said that he had not. He doesn't really feel that Pat is representing him. He does have a friend from years ago who is also a canon lawyer. He called this friend and asked him what he should do and the friend advised him not to seek voluntary laicization. The friend indicated that the archdiocese must have a very weak case and that is why Rome responded as they did. Fr. Becker said he didn't know what kind of case they had since he was never given the names of all of the complainants or their specific complaints.

Fr. Becker then said he had also received a letter and call from Fr. Joe indicating that he and the other priests involved in clergy sexual abuse were not being listed in the Official Catholic directory (OCD). He said he was told that since they are not functioning it was thought best to leave them out of the OCD.

I suggested this might be good because that way reporters and alleged victims couldn't look him up and bother him. He somewhat agreed but felt it was one more way in which the archdiocese was slowly getting rid of the men.

He said he was not going to be involved in the group therapy for clergy involved in sexual abuse through [redacted] He said [redacted] the husband of his therapist, had called Bishop Sklba. [redacted] explained to the bishop that this type of therapy would not be good for Fr. Becker. Bishop Sklba had agreed. Fr. Becker seemed pleased about this.

Fr. Becker spoke about having to find some kind of employment if he were ultimately dumped by the archdiocese. He said that he is 67 and could retire at 68 but wouldn't have his quarters in for social security. He said he had heard that Fr. Mike Krejci had been applying for jobs. He wondered how he found out about them.

I said he should call Fr. Mike and ask him. I said I knew he was using certain computer job search companies. He said he would have to think about this as he is really too old to start looking for a job.

He wondered what some of the other priests were doing for support and whether or not the archdiocese was continuing to provide checks and other help. He mentioned that he had received a letter some time ago from Bishop Sklba telling him he would be cared for by the archdiocese. [redacted]

I told him I didn't know anything about this.

I asked him how he was doing in light of what he had told me. He said some mornings he wakes up and just wishes that the Lord had taken him in his sleep. He said he is not currently, nor has he recently, thought about committing suicide. He does get depressed at times.

I asked him what he was planning on doing for Thanksgiving. He said he would just go to the nursing home and eat with his mother. She seems to be holding her own.

His brother is planning on coming up to Wisconsin from Muncie some time before Christmas. Fr. Becker is looking forward to seeing his brother and spending some time with him.

Fr. Becker mused as to whether or not his brother could take him in. He decided he could not afford to do so. His brother is retired from the railroad, married with 3 children and 3 grandchildren, with a fourth on the way. He is not rich. He has his pension and that is about it. His brother is comfortable but that would be all.

I assured him I would continue to keep him in my prayers. I told him if he needed me he should feel free to call me at any time to talk or to get together if things started to pile up and he needed to talk or felt he couldn't cope.

He said he had gone on the computer last Thursday and had pulled up the San Diego newspaper. He read an article a reporter had written about [redacted] is the man who filed a complaint against Fr. Becker in regards to an incident(s) that occurred when Fr. Becker lived and worked in California. Fr. Becker is concerned that the State of California might still try to come after him. He is also afraid that [redacted] might bring a law suit against him.

I asked if [redacted] has contacted him since the last time and he said that he had not.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich
November 19, 2003

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Status Report
October 2003

Rev. Franklyn Becker
Person # 2

I met Fr. Becker on Wednesday, October 29, 2003 at 11:30 AM at the Main Street Depot located in Oconomowoc.

Fr. Becker said he was doing all right. He still isn't walking or exercising very much. Because of this he said he has put on a couple of pounds.

I asked about his mother. He stated that she is going down hill. Currently it isn't her physical health but her mental health that is failing. She is becoming more and more forgetful. He saw her on Monday. Every Monday she plays bingo. When he asked her about the bingo game she couldn't remember even having played. She routinely forgets things that he has told her several times.

He spoke to his brother from Muncie recently and his brother told Fr. Becker that their mother didn't know what or whom he was talking about when he told her about her grandchildren.

Fr. Becker fears that one day she will just pass away. It might be best for her but it will be very hard on him.

[redacted]

He said he had spoken to a friend who is a canon lawyer. The man recently attended the canon law convention in Spokane. He allegedly had spoken to Pat Legas, the Chancellor and canon lawyer from the Archdiocese of Chicago while there. He asked about Fr. Becker's case and was told that things were being held up because Milwaukee wasn't sending all the materials that he, Pat Legas, had requested.

I indicated that I had not heard anything about any of the cases other than that they were all "sitting" in Rome.

We talked in general about the fires in California, Deacon Tom McGuine, who lives in California but not close to the fires, and the weather.

There was nothing of any note or concern to talk about or to report.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich
October 29, 2003

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Status Report	Rev. Franklyn Becker
September 2003	Person # 3

I met Fr. Becker at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc on Wednesday, September 24, 2003 at 11:25 AM.

I asked him how his trip to Door County had been. He stated he had a great time but that he wished it could have been longer.

I recalled he said he was going with a man named Ron. Therefore I asked him if Ron was the same man/priest who had come with him to the Cousins Center to look at the suites for retired priests. He said it was not. Ron is Fr. Ron Crewe, the pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Racine, WI.

He said they went out to eat several times. He said Ron loves to go to antique stores and so they drove all over Door County looking at antiques. He said Ron is always looking for old postcards from Germany.

I asked what else they did. He said he could have stayed in Door County but that Door County is to quiet for Ron. They drove to Sturgeon Bay and hit some antique shops there. They also ate out there one evening.

Fr. Becker mentioned that he had parked his car at a parish in Kohler, WI. The parish secretary said he could leave the car in her garage at the parish. When he got back and backed out of the garage he hit the left rear quarter panel on the side of the garage entrance. He subsequently went to the Lexus dealer and they were able to rub out the damage with rubbing compound.

He said he has one year left on the car's lease and can't wait for it to be up so he can get something less expensive.

He spoke of money again. He is very concerned about money. He said he had gotten a letter from Fr. Alan Jurkus, the head of the priests' St. Michael's Fund. In the past the Fund has given him money to help pay for prescriptions. The letter suggested he try to get some Mass stipend money to help him pay for the prescriptions in the future.

He said he had been told by the vicar that he couldn't get Mass stipends. He wrote to Fr. Jurkus and suggested that he, Fr. Jurkus, contact the vicar for him.

He said he also got several bills for medical expenses. He questioned his insurance company, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, and was told that his deductible had been raised to $500.00. He questioned this and I shared that I had WPS and my deductible had also gone up a substantial amount the last few years. He again said he didn't know how he would keep paying for things with his decrease in income.

He wondered if he were to be laicized would the archdiocese still be responsible for a portion of his health insurance, and what about his pension. I said that I thought the pension would be covered by Federal Law. However, I said I didn't know anything about the insurance coverage. I suggested he call Wayne Schneider at the Cousins Center.

[redacted]

Fr. Becker said he continues to worry everyday about his future. He is concerned about money. He can't sleep at night like he used to because he is so afraid of a knock on the door and the police being there to take him back to jail. He said he can never forget that experience and lives with it everyday and night.

Fr. Becker is deathly afraid that someone is going to come forward and make a complaint against him that will fall within the statute of limitations.

He brought up the fact that the legislature was still exploring a law similar to the one if California that granted a 1 year time period for anyone abused by a priest to come forward. I said California's law had been found unconstitutional and I firmly believed if passed it would be found unconstitutional here also. The legislature can't grandfather in penalties greater than already in the law at the time of an offense. I said this was politicians placating their constituents.

He asked if I had heard anything more about his having to move to the Cousins Center. I said I believed that was a dead issue at this time.

He asked if the group therapy idea had died. I said that it hadn't but had been put on hold for a while because the vicar had been too busy with other matters to get a letter out to all of the affected priests.

I asked what he is doing to help take his mind off of his worrying and/or problems. He said he continues to see [redacted] his therapist.

He said he also checks the Internet daily to keep up on the latest issues concerning clergy sexual abuse. He mentioned some priest in another state who had recently been named in a story.

I asked him if he was walking. He said he wasn't. I tried to encourage him to do so on a daily basis since the weather was no longer as hot and humid as it had been.

He mentioned he had a bike in a closet in his apartment. But went on to say he never rides it. It is just too hard to get it out and take it outside. He doesn't have a helmet and doesn't like to wear them any way.

He asked if I had heard anything more about his case. I said I had not. The latest I had heard was that the archbishop was waiting to hear something from Rome. To date he hasn't heard anything about anyone's case.

Fr. Becker mentioned that the archbishop had called him a couple of weeks ago. He said it was about 4:30 in the afternoon. His telephone rang. He answered it and the voice on the other end said he was Archbishop Dolan. He said the archbishop asked him how he was. He told him that he, the archbishop, is his pastor as well as the pastor of everyone else in the archdiocese.

Fr. Becker said he tried to ask the archbishop something about his case. The archbishop said he was not able to discuss Fr. Becker's case with him. He, the archbishop, was just checking on Fr. Becker's state of mind and health, etc.

Fr. Becker asked about several of the other priests, i.e., Frs. Flynt and O'Brien. [redacted]

We talked about the priests gathering at St. Mathias. He said he hadn't heard too much about the meeting. He expected Fr. Charles Wester would tell the district all about it when they next meet.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich
September 24, 2003

7-12 mtg of Drachsel, McDaniel, Yockey, Wentz + Howard

Academic prog. to develop skills for his retirement years
- more ministry ?
educational programs
How can we help you to use your creative skills
in a way that fulfills you?

* Has he signed release forms yet ? - re McDaniel 12-17-98

7-28-99 mtg w Franklyn Becker (letter to mother)
1) affirm progress made (less anger, less preoccupation w other priests' stories, good sense of humor, continue work on boundaries) thru weekly mtgs w Dr. Marlene Drachsel
2) Commend him for monthly mtgs w Tom McDaniel.

Questioned, 96 since June '96 last reviewed w RGW, Howard McDaniel + Big 1-29-97

3) Review Restrictions noting changes in ~~#~~ 2+5
#2 Having minister perform ~~you~~ ceremonies
#5 attending social functions on campus or responsible adult OK
Who is his spiritual director? 5/97 Jo Reed at Holy Hill
4) Encourage relationships w mature adults + some clergy in the area regardless of faith background. Academic pursuits eg. educational
Needs healthy peer relationships
5) Signed release form yet for Drachsel to share info w. Vicar ?

Spring assembly / District mtgs ? / Retreat
Encourage : obtaining a computer

Drugs to Germany in light (Europe, 17 days July of '98)
Rebecca arrive in '97

Any $ paid out for law suits? No!

2. You will have no contact with minors. The only exception is permission to have minors serve when you preside at Enchant.

5. 1st sentence remains. Cultural events on university and school campuses may be attended without advance permission if your accompanied by a mature adult.

11. Review at twelve month intervals

3-17-99 Dr. Heather Deschel reports [redacted] Becker have been quite cooperative. He had one outburst related to a bad tooth with an abscess.

Dr. Charles Weston told Jonah that there were openings in prison ministry. Heather told him this could not be a good choice for him because of several possible conflicts

At times he complains he's not being well-served by the Prison. When she asked if he wanted her to suggest an assignment he admitted he was happy where he was, near his mother.

Becker handled a conflict w another apartment mentor well over some noise - which he reported to the manager.

He shares books he's reading w her - which suggest his commitment to homosexuality + interest in young men. She walks thru potential problems w him which prevent acting out.

Jake says he was involved in a project w his enlarged prostate - this resulted in increased urination + reduced sex drive She urged him to continue taking the meds

He goes in for back adjustments regularly, + ruminates about various illnesses he might have. He may also go in for an anonymous evaluation of any possibility of HIV

We're encouraging him to develop new friendships

I'm not concerned about young guys but about those over 16 yrs of age & whom he likes to reveal too much about himself.

He's letting go of former relationships gradually + not dwelling upon those points who have had similar experiences as he has.

She will be out of the office for next week

Conversation with Tom McGuine 6/12/96

Re: Franklyn Becker and His Monitor's File

Permission Granted

-for Franklyn to assist at Funerals when requested

-also permission granted to assist at Liturgy when youth are serving as acolytes

-also permission for Franklyn to go on cruise and not serve as Chaplain in July of '96

It was agreed that Fr. Laurin Wenig and Fr. Charles Wester serve as on-site supervisors.

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RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTRY
REV. FRANKLYN BECKER

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3. You will have no overnight guests in your place of residence.

4. Your ministry is limited to help out work **only** as directed and permitted by the Vicar for Clergy. Any other requests for ministry (e.g. cruise chaplaincy) must be cleared **in advance** by the Vicar for Clergy and the Chancery.

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I have read and have been explained the conditions of ministry established by the Vicar for Clergy. (Page One) I have also received a copy. I agree to abide by these instructions I also have read and received a copy of the Monitoring Program for Priests dated April 1996.

Franklyn W. Becker
Signature.

6/11/96
Date.

Deacon Tom McGuine
Monitor - Deacon Tom McGuine

6-11-96
Date.

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JUN 18 1996

June 14, 1996

Father Carrol C. Straub
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
3501 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Father Carrol:

Enclosed you will find the results of my efforts concerning Father Franklyn Becker. I'm happy to report all went well and both on-site supervisors are in place. I have scheduled meeting with Father Becker for the remainder of the year and monthly contacts with the on-site priests. Thus far everyone is very supportive of the program and the efforts of your office to bring guidance and direction to these issues. I think the program will continue to be successful.
Within the next weeks I plan on contacting the remaining priests selected for monitoring.

In His service,

Tom

Deacon Tom McGuine

Enclosures (4)

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Monitor - Deacon Tom McGuine Date. 6-11-96

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6/05/96

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If any of these conditions are violated, contact Deacon Tom McGuine immediately at 549-1940 or at 691-5260. Both locations have answering machines and I will contact you within the day. You will be contacted by me once a month during this evaluation period either by phone or in person. For purposes of identity if we talk on the telephone, I will identify my middle name which is " William."

Thank you for your assistance.

Deacon Tom

Please keep this form and its contents confidential.

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JUN 18 1996

Log in the matter of Franklyn Becker.

5-21-96
2:00 PM
Father Carrol Straub, Vicar for Clergy. Cousins Center.
Assigned Father Franklyn Becker matter.

6-11-96
3:00 to 4:00 PM
Met with Father Becker for the first time at McDonald at Hwy. 83 and I-94. Went over the restrictions. Seemed very interested in completing the process. Was in California a number a years ago. For about to years. Enjoys cruses. Has taken about 20 so far. Usually is the spiritual director on board. Lives with his mother who is in her 80"s. Discussed his ministry and what I do for the Vicar.
When we discusses the restrictions he wondered about the following;

Restriction Numbers and comments.

2 Sometimes there are altar servers at his masses. Is that a violation of #1.
4 He will be taking a cruise July 7th through July 22, 1996 but will not be a director. Is that a violation? Refer Holland America Cruise.
4 At times have been asked to do funerals. What should he do?
6. Father Laurin Wenig is Father's spiritual advisor.
8. Does not know who the family is therefore he can't harass.

I told him I would contact the Vicar for clarification on these issues.

We established the following dates for our next meetings;

July 5, 1996
August 23, 1996
September 27, 1996
October 25, 1996
November 29, 1996
December 27, 1996

All meetings scheduled at McDonalds at Hwy. 83 and I-94 at 3:00 PM until further notice.

Father's Lic plate is; FWB 37 Wisconsin, 96.

Father had no recommendations for the on-site people other than the pastor, Father Laurin Wenig. I stated I would give him a call.
Father Wenig's phone number is 625-3144

prayerful support.

6-14-96 at 10 AM.

Drove to St. Matthews Parish in Neosho, WI. Spoke with Father Laurin Wenig. After explaining the monitoring process he agreed to become one of the on-site supervisors. I gave him a copy of the condensed Restrictions and my business card. (See enclosure.)

6-14-96 at 11 PM

Drove to St. Mary Parish in Mayville. Spoke with Father Charles Wester. After explaining the monitoring process he agreed to become one of the on-site supervisors. I gave him a copy of the condensed Restrictions and my business card.

6-14-96
Mailed results of my efforts to the Vicar.

Deacon Tom McGuine
June 14, 1996 (2:46pm)

Before ending our meeting, Father Becker signed a copy of the restrictions. (See enclosure.)

6-11-95 at 5:15 PM
Called Father Laurin Wenig. He had an appointment presently in his office. Will call back before 6:30 PM.
Gave him my number.

6-11-96 at 6:30 PM
Father Laurin called me at home. I explained the monitoring process. We agreed to meet on 6-14-96 at the rectory in Neosho

6-12-96 at 9:30 AM.

Father Carrol Straub telephoned as per my request. We discussed the concerns raised by Father Becker on 6-11-96 when we discussed the restrictions. The following were clarified by Father Carrol.

1. If altar servers are present for his masses, it will be OK.
2. The vacation cruise Father is planning does not violate the restrictions.
3. Doing funerals upon request are OK.
4. Father Laurin Wenig as his spiritual advisor is OK.
5. Father Wenig as one of the on-site monitors is OK.
6. Father Charles Wester, dean as one of the on-site monitors is OK.

I briefly advised Father Carrol of my meeting with Father Becker.

6-12-96 at 8:40 PM.

Received a message Father Becker had called my home

6-12-96 at 10:00 PM.

Called Father Becker at his home. He suggested Father Charles Wester be the second on-site person for the monitoring process. I advised him that I would contact Father Wester.
I also advised Father Becker that I had a scheduled meeting with Father Laurin for 6-14-96. I also advised Father Becker that the Vicar had approved the various points raised regarding some of the restrictions. (See entry dated 6-12-96 with Father Carrol.) Father Becker was very pleased with the fast response to his concerns and very pleased with the process thus far.

6-13-96 at 9 AM

I mailed a letter to Father Becker a short note reminding him of our meeting dates and offered my

JAN 27 2005

1. Fr. Cust notify.
2. Jerry Topczewski notify
Msg. to au 1/6 Dolan -
Oct, Tocon 22 2/4.

21 January '05

Dear David,

I am writing to you because I no longer know where to turn. I am in a state of depression and desperation and you know where that can lead. My letter to the archbishop go unanswered as do those of Fr. Pat Lagges. I received a copy of [redacted] letter to Fr. Curt Frederick indicating a recommendation for ongoing therapy which I cannot afford.

I have sent out job resumes, but am not optimistic because in my present state of mind I do not feel I can function in the job world.

The decision rendered on Dec. 6th has left me in a state of shock and bewilderment. While the Church has continued to support men like [redacted] for years, they feel it necessary to cut me out of health benefits when I need them most. If accepted into Medicare it will cost $450 a month plus the $230.00 I pay for medications since my Blue Cross has been terminated. All of this weighs heavily on me and I can barely perform the basic tasks of life. I make frequent trips to the bathroom due to an acute prostate problem. How can I get a job with these problems physical as well as psychological? It's hard to "put on a happy face" and pretend all is well, when it's not.

all was going well from 1992 to 2002 when I was allowed to perform the ministry for which I was trained. Now all of that has ceased. The loss of my mother, the loss of my priestly status has weighed heavily on me. I am no longer resilient & able to bounce back & don't know what the church expects. More than one priest has taken the suicide route, the latest being [redacted] & can well understand the pressures that motivate such actions.

You may convey my sentiments to Fr. Curt Sr Kathleen & the Archbishop & we had enough of Sr. Kathleen's flippant remarks. When did she become a judge?

It would be unfortunate if I were forced to go to the Sentinel with the story of continued cover-ups in the church. There are still many skeletons that remain buried; including those of our former archbishop and a certain monsignor.

I apologize for my bluntness, but I needed to put this in writing.

I hope you & your family are well.

Sincerely,

Franklyn W. Backe.

I'm still on call for jury duty till the end of the month.

JAN 1 1 2005

COPY

Kathleen Becker's copy for file

Subject: **Budzynski LAICIZATION RESCRIPT**
Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2005 19:07:23 -0600
From: "Barbara Anne Cusack" <cusackb@archmil.org>
To: "'Father Curt Frederick'" <frederickc@archmil.org>, "'David Zimprich'" <zimprichd@archmil.org>

Here is my effort at a translation. I did make some of the suggested changes proposed by Pat Lagges. I do not see them as being as big a deal as he does.
As for Pat's contention of an additionl financial obligation to Becker, I would cite the same canon (c. 1350.2) and say that it is on the basis of that canon that we gave him a lump sum of money. Our "due diligence" was exercised in informing the sheriff of his presence in the community.
If you need anything further from me before your meeting with Dan B., please let me know.
Curt, have you made the notification to place of baptism for Becker or am I supposed to do so?
Thanks!
BAC

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Prot. No. 348/03 - 17919

November 24, 2003

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Piazza del S. Uffizio 11
00193 Rome, Italy

Your Eminence:

In accord with the norms of *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, I am re-submitting for your consideration the case of a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Reverend Franklyn Becker has been accused of multiple acts of sexual abuse of minors. The summary of these allegations was previously forwarded. Father Becker has admitted that a number of these acts of sexual assault occurred.

We have been asked by Archbishop Amato of the Congregation to approach Father Becker with a request that he seek voluntary laicization as a sign of repentance. Although our Vicar for Clergy had previously made this request of him, he was approached once again. As you can see from the enclosed letter, he is refusing once again to take the requested action.

While he attempts to present a defense based on cooperation and need for sustenance, in interviews with him, there is little display of repentance. His sorrow is not over what effect his immoral and abusive behaviors had on others, so much as it is remorse that he has lost a sense of status. The sustenance issues he raises are irrelevant. The Archdiocese understands its obligation to provide support if he is unable even though he may be dismissed. We are prepared to provide that support until such time as he is eligible for our pension which will be in less than three years.

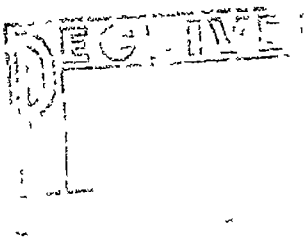
Given the scope of his abusive actions, and the ongoing potential for criminal action against him in the state of California, I concur with the judgement of Archbishop Amato that the matter should be referred to the Holy Father for a *dismissio ex officio e statu clericali una cum dispensatione ab omnibus oneribus sacerdotalibus*.

With sentiments of esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee

September 11, 1992



Rev. Thomas A. Trepanier
Executive Secretary
Priests' Personnel Board
3501 South Lake Drive
P. O. Box 07912
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Tom,

I'm writing to let you know that I am enjoying tending the flock at St. Mary's and St. Michael's. Since I have been well received, I am encouraged to make formal application for the position of pastor here.

With my rural roots, I see this as a viable option for me. It would also provide the opportunity for my mother to spend some time with me, particularly during the winter.

There is much that needs to be done here in the way of reconciliation, but I feel that I can rise to the occasion. Those people I have met seem willing to cooperate in making this a vibrant parish community.

An added plus would be the proximity to my classmate, Fr. Wayne Bittner, who would be a supportive influence.

I will be on Retreat from September 21st to the 25th at Oconomowoc where I can be reached in case of emergency. Fr. Bittner offered to be on call for any emergencies that might arise at the parish. I have also been in touch with Fr. Richard Robinson.

I will be meeting with the Archbishop and Bishop Sklba on the 25th of September at the conclusion of my Retreat. Hopefully we might discuss this option at that meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Franklyn W Becker

Rev. Franklyn W. Becker

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June 23, 1980

The Reverend Franklyn W. Becker
St. Cecilia Parish
[redacted]
Thiensville, Wisconsin 53092

Dear Father Becker:

Following the recommendation of the Reverend Joseph A. Janicki, Vicar for Priest Personnel, the Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B., herewith appoints you temporary administrator of St. Joseph's Parish, Lyons, with the Mission of St. Kilian, Lyons Township, until a new pastor is appointed. This appointment is effective July 1, 1980.

As temporary administrator, you come under the provisions of Canon 474, have the responsibility of the Pro Populo Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, enjoy the rights of a pastor in accord with Canon 465, and are authorized to sign checks on all parish accounts to cover ordinary expenditures and to meet payroll obligations. Please note that in keeping with Canon 436, pending a pastoral appointment to St. Joseph's Parish and the Mission of St. Kilian, no changes are to be made. Urgent matters should be referred to the Archbishop.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

R. G. S.

(Rev.) Robert G. Sampon
Chancellor

RGS/mk

cc: Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek ✓
Priests' Personnel Board

NEWS RELEASE

Most Rev. Joseph H. Hodges, Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia, Rev. John H. McDonnell, diocesan Director of Campus Ministry, and Dr. Richard H. Rosswurm, Search Committee Chairman, have announced the appointment of Rev. Franklyn W. Becker as pastor of the Marshall Catholic Community at the University.

Father Becker, associate pastor of St. Williams Parish, Waukesha, has served for ten years in parishes of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Archdiocese.

Father Becker will assume the Roman Catholic pastorate at Marshall on January 1st. The regular schedule of the liturgy and other parish activities will resume at the beginning of the spring semester. He will also be associated with the ministry of the Campus Christian Center at the University.

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October 28, 1970

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Rev. Franklyn W. Becker
St. John de Nepomuc Parish
[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216

Dear Lyn,

The principal of Messmer High School has apprised the Personnel Board of your generous giving of time in teaching religion at the school on a part time basis.

This fact is being recorded in your personal file at the Board office, and Archbishop Cousins will be informed of your extra efforts for the Cause to which we are all dedicated.

Sincerely,

ARCHDIOCESAN PERSONNEL BOARD

Rev. Donald E. Reiff
Executive Secretary

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JT
do we have copies of our letters to pols' parents about Becker?

JT: This is excellent. Thank you for your work. I have made some suggestions. I want to review again.

October 18, 2007

Archbishop,

Attached is the 1st draft of the "newsletter" communication to all Catholic households in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee regarding Franklyn Becker. The [redacted] summary from where this info is taken, is also attached.

[redacted]

After you review/approve, I will share with Barbara Anne and Kathleen, Fr. Curt, John Huebscher, and, eventually, Bishop Sklba.

It would be helpful if you add any "questions" to the "Q & A" that you think need to be included.

Here's the timeline:

- October 30: All changes/reviews complete and document moves to layout
- Oct 31 – Nov 11 – Layout, revisions, etc.
- Nov. 9 AM – Deliver final layout to Archbishop before departure for NY that afternoon
- Nov. 12 – final copy changes and sign offs.
- Nov. 13 – deliver to printer
- Nov. 19 – document is mailed

I'm concerned by this pushing it. This means it reaches homes a week later – not yet

On another note, have you talked to Archbishop Weakland? What was the result? Would you envision sharing this newsletter draft with him in advance? What is the earliest the documents are released! – yes

Jerry Jerry

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Mail to all registered households
Mail date: week of November 12
Deadline for final approval: October 31

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Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Dolan

Headline: TBD

~~Dear Friends~~,

During the past 5 years, there has been an ~~abundance~~ of news regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests – both in this archdiocese and across the nation.

Since my arrival, I have promised to be open and ~~honest~~ with you, the faithful Catholics of the Church in southeastern Wisconsin. Part of that openness has been my commitment to share news with you – even when it's bad.

For example, you'll remember in summer of 2006, I ~~shared~~ told you ~~the news of~~ about lawsuits facing the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for sexual abuse cases involving former priest Siegfried Widera, and the pending financial consequences of those lawsuits. Those nine cases in California were settled in a multi-million dollar agreement,

In July of this year, the Wisconsin Supreme Court handed down a decision directing that cases alleging sexual abuse against two offending priests of the archdiocese could proceed, even though the ~~age of the~~ events were 20-to-40-years old.

Those cases have now been returned to the trial judges to go forward through normal court procedures. In addition, since July 2007, two other cases have been

brought against the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, alleging sexual abuse in Wisconsin by a different priest, named Bruce MacArthur. MacArthur was a priest of ~~the Sioux Falls Diocese~~, but served ~~within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee~~ for several years.

During the next months, the records of the three offenders will be part of the court proceedings. Thus, I am sending you this newsletter to let you know of the information that will be forthcoming. There are three priests accused of wrongdoing. None of these three accused individuals are serving as priests within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, nor have they done so for many years.

The accused are Siegfried Widera, Bruce MacArthur and Franklyn Becker. Widera is dead; MacArthur is under the direction of the Diocese of Sioux Falls and residing in a controlled nursing home; and Becker, who lives in southeastern Wisconsin, was laicized in 200x and is no longer a priest. Information about all three men are included in this newsletter.

However, I want to talk specifically about the case involving Franklyn Becker. As I said, Becker was laicized in 200x. Although there could be various explanations for all the decisions that were made or not made, at the end of the day, you will see a particularly ugly example of how the Church made mistakes in its handling of these cases.

Some might argue that since both doctors and civil officials made the same mistakes by recommending reassignments, transfers or "fresh starts," that the Church should not be held accountable for the decisions made 20 or 30 years ago. Some would say that the Church was simply ~~doing what it felt best~~, considering the circumstances, the body of knowledge available to us ~~at the time~~, and the ~~expert~~ recommendations that were presented.

All true, but I need to say that our faith tells us that our Church must ~~stand up for any~~ decisions that were made, regardless of how these decisions were reached.

So what do we do next? Do we hide under the bed while the scab of this mess is once again picked open? No! The good work of Jesus Christ and His Church continues, ~~Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow~~ despite this mess and despite any of us. The mistakes of the past do not change the needs of our people today, the needs of today's community or the needs of our world.

Nor, let me remind you, do these things diminish the good work that has been done over the past five-plus years as we have ardently worked with victims-survivors to bring healing and resolution. Nothing changes our commitment to continue to work ~~with victims-survivors and~~ together to ensure that we do everything in our power to protect our children and young people.

In the past, people can point and say the Catholic Church is a shining example of what NOT to do. Now, however, even outside objective observers say the Catholic Church is an example of what TO do.

That is why we insist upon safe environment programs in all of our parishes and schools. That's why all staff and volunteers who work with children take safe environment training as a way of recognizing the signs of abuse. That's why we have a full-time victims-assistance coordinator to work with victims-survivors, and I meet regularly with a community advisory board made up of survivors, advocates and experts in the area of sexual abuse. It's also why I directed the names of offending priests to be published on our archdiocesan website back in 200x.

Some of you might ask, "why?" Why are you telling us this; why can't you just let this be over and move on?" Part of me would like nothing more, but, I know, that this crisis will never be over. Practically, too, I know that you are better hearing this news from me, all at once.

So that's why I share it with you now. May I ask that you please pray for people who have been victims-survivors of sexual abuse, especially for those whose abuse came at the hands of clergy?

May I also ask that you pray for our Church, especially our Church in southeastern Wisconsin, that the Holy Spirit continue to guide us and give us strength to ~~do God's will~~, and that ~~His will be done through the generous spirit of those who proclaim, teach, and live the Gospel.~~

Faithfully in Christ,

+TMD

Front page sidebar: boxed
Headline: Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual abuse, it is important that you come forward so you can receive assistance.

The Church has a mission to help the victims and survivors of sexual abuse. Sexual abuse is always wrong and not the fault of the individual who has been abused.

Reports can be made to the Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Services Office at (414) 769-3436.

A list of agencies in the 10 counties of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee offering free services to victims/survivors of sexual abuse is available at http://www.archmil.org/aboutus/ShowResource.asp?ID=1270. Also available at this link is a card listing all agencies, which can be printed and distributed.

Lawsuit summary
Headline: TBD

took him off!

Siegfried Widera. Little needs to be added about Siegfried Widera. He was the priest who died in 200x, while on the run in Mexico after being criminally indicted on multiple counts of child sexual abuse. He last served as a priest in the Diocese of Orange, California, and both the Diocese of Orange and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee settled lawsuits in 2006 with nine California victims because of the harm he caused. The lawsuits were settled for $16.65 million, with more than half of the amount paid by archdiocesan insurance companies, to the nine California victims, as well as one California victim of Franklyn Becker. All files of the archdiocese involving Siegfried Widera were disclosed and provided to the attorneys representing victims as part of the suit.

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Bruce MacArthur. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee was named in a lawsuit in South Dakota several years ago as a result of abuse that Bruce MacArthur committed when he served as a chaplain for a hospital in the Beaver Dam, Wis., area. In that lawsuit, MacArthur admitted his abuse ~~of the victim-survivor~~. MacArthur served in the archdiocese from 19xx to 19xx.

where was it?

a little unclear. We must be clear he did not abuse here.

MacArthur was ordained in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and served there both before and after serving in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. His years in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee were limited and, during the time, no incidents or of abuse were reported.

The earlier case involving MacArthur was brought in South Dakota and was settled, jointly with the Diocese of Sioux Falls, in 200X. All files of the archdiocese involving Bruce MacArthur were provided to the attorneys representing victims as part of that lawsuit.

Since the Wisconsin Supreme Court decision in July of this year, allowing ~~20 to 40-year-old~~ allegations to proceed under a fraud claim, three additional persons have sued the archdiocese and the Diocese of Sioux Falls, alleging abuse by MacArthur.

Sidebar: Becker Assignments (boxed)
Headline: Pastoral Assignments of Franklyn Becker

Franklyn W. Becker
Year of Ordination - 1964
Pastoral work and assignments
Holy Assumption Parish, West Allis (1964-1968)
St. John de Nepomuc Parish, Milwaukee (1968-1972)
Holy Family Parish, Whitefish Bay (1972-1974)
St. William Parish, Waukesha (1974)
Campus ministry at Marshall University in Wheeling, West Virginia (1974-1975)
Campus minister at St. Louis University (1976)
St. Brigid Parish, San Diego, California (1977-1979)
St. Margaret Mary Parish, Milwaukee (1979-1980)
St. Joseph Parish, Lyons (1980)
St. Eugene Parish, Fox Point (1980)
St. John Parish, South Milwaukee (1980)
St. Joseph Hospital, Milwaukee (1983)
West Allis Memorial Hospital (1984-1991)

Franklyn Becker. Franklyn Becker attended Saint Francis de Sales Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop William E. Cousins in 1964. He was laicized in 2003, and is no longer a priest. His laicization was ~~directed~~ by the Holy See upon the request of Archbishop Dolan.

Although the archdiocese had earlier been sued in one case in California for the actions of Franklyn Becker, that case was ~~settled~~, along with the nine California lawsuits involving Siegfried Widera. Franklyn Becker's records were not yet processed in the lawsuit by the time that suit was settled. But as the current

You can imagine that these attorneys will dramatically publicize these files.

Wisconsin lawsuits now go forward, Becker's records will be processed and delivered to the plaintiffs' lawyers. Those documents will show the following:

- Fall 1970: The first report of trouble came to the archdiocese in fall of 1970, when a telephone report was made about a problem between a parishioner's son and Becker. No known follow up was done.
- November 1974: Pastor complains ~~about~~ that Becker's ~~lack of~~ does not work ~~ethic~~ at St. William parish.
- August to October 1976: Becker accepts position as campus minister at St. Louis University. Becker was forced to resign after 2 months. The University advises the archdiocese that part of the reason for the forced resignation was Becker's relationship to homosexuals and his encouragement of practicing homosexuals to attend services at the University. Also noted is that Becker is "difficult to work with."
- 1977: Archbishop Cousins releases Becker to work outside the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Becker works in the Diocese of San Diego.
- 1978: Becker advises now-Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert Weakland of his decision to return to Milwaukee. Bishop of San Diego tells Archbishop Weakland that Becker was relieved of his duties and believes Becker "has psychological problems he must solve."
- 1979: Becker is assigned to St. Margaret Mary Parish, Milwaukee.
- February 1980: Two parishioners are aware of an "unfortunate incident" with a boy. This is reported to ____(vicar??)_____. After meeting with ___(vicar??)_____, Becker promises treatment and not to do it again. He requests transfer from the parish (St. Margaret Mary).
- February 1980: A few days later, Becker writes to Archbishop Weakland apologizing for becoming involved with a boy, but blames the boy for sharing the incident and says he has been "cast in a bad light" and "the decision that he leave the parish (St. Margaret Mary) seems to be a prudent one." Becker's letter also states: "With my orientation, the frequent presence of teenage boys in the house (rectory) at night was tantalizing to say the least."

- February 1980: Recommendation by archdiocese that Becker consult with psychologist, which he does. After five sessions, Becker reports that no further counseling is needed and requests to stay at St. Margaret Mary.

- February 1980: Members of St. Margaret Mary Parish, aware of an incident of an inappropriate act with a teenage boy, asks for leniency and understanding, and requests Becker be allowed to say in the parish.

- June 1980: Becker appointed temporary administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Lyons.

- August to October 1980: Becker requests assignment at St. Eugene, Fox Point. Pastor objects. Vicar assures pastor that Becker is willing to settle down and "needs one more chance." Vicar also acknowledges that it is time to tell Becker that no priest wants to work with him.

- October 1980: Becker writes Archbishop Weakland complimenting the Archbishop's (Catholic Herald) column on homosexuality and the Church. Becker brings up his desire to return to California and whether there may be a "benevolent bishop" in California where he might serve.

- December 1980: Personnel Board recommends six-year assignment to St. John Parish, South Milwaukee.

- January 1981: Pastor (Hefferner?) informs Vicar of incident with Becker and a young boy who Becker touched improperly during a swimming session. Becker denies events. Pastor does not tell parents of Becker's prior history. Parents believe Becker and apologize to him for accusing him of this.

- March 1981: letter to Vicar (Fr. Janicki) tells of Becker "pursuing" boy and his friend because they have "common interests." Also talks of Becker's "living the good life."

- June to August 1982: Review by Personnel Board. Becker says he prefers working in a parish or with high school and college age young people. Becker writes Personnel Board requesting campus ministry assignment and complains about not receiving one in the past. Complains about two other priests being possible candidates when those priests are equally "not above reproach."

- December 1982: Pastor (Heffernan?) reports to Vicar that Becker took a minor on a Caribbean cruise. Boy's mother supports Becker. Vicar

confronts Becker. Becker admits using "bad judgment," but denies any physical contact with boy. Becker ordered to see doctor for immediate therapy.

- December 1982: New pastor of St. _____ does not want to work with Becker. Becker removed from St. John's and ordered to be sent for a holistic evaluation.

- January 1983: Friend writes vicar on Becker's behalf. Friend "aware of his problems, including those with young boys..."

- February 1983: Psychology report sent to archdiocese reports Becker with pedophilia. "Possibility of sexual acting out with male minor children is high." Report recommends Becker's reassignment preclude involvement with youths.

- March 1983: Vicar consults with Milwaukee County District Attorney's office without using names. District Attorney advises that any such priest given adequate warnings would not be assigned where he could come in contact with youngsters. Advises to restrict from ministry for five years and if no other complaints are received, then, perhaps, give him another chance.

- March 1983: Becker's friend writes again reporting that, contrary to earlier belief, Becker has continued involvement with the boy (from the cruise).

- April 1983: After Becker writes Archbishop Weakland about future assignment, Archbishop Weakland refers him to the Priest Personnel Board saying he does want to become too much involved at this point with Becker's assignments.

- May 1983: Mother of boy Becker took on cruise sends letter declaring nothing happened and defending Becker.

- May 1983: Another doctor advises archdiocese that Becker is ego-centric, a homosexual, and a pedophile, and has no mechanism to stop once he develops the urge to act out. Doctor says parish ministry is "out of the question" and recommends an all-girl college or high school, or a geriatric nursing home or hospital setting.

- August 1983: Becker assigned to St. Joseph Hospital. Weakland cautions Becker in assignment letter about the possibility of permanent removal from ministry.

- Fall 1983: Becker complains about hospital work, saying he does not wish to continue, that it is causing him stress, and he is not suited to the work. Requests to be placed on sick live. Request is granted in November 1983.

- March 1984: After learning from the Director of Pastoral Care at the VA Center that Becker would not be accepted as chaplain because of his background and past history, Vicar calls asking why the director would not give a person, who was trying to start over, a chance.

- June 1984: Another doctor recommends to archdiocese that Becker could serve as associate pastor, under the proper conditions, but Vicar informs doctor that parish ministry is not possible.

- October 1984: Becker appointed as Chaplain at West Allis Memorial Hospital. *Term is six years. Member of Personnel Board expresses* concern but is assured by Vicar that Becker is getting treatment. (Board member (Esser) expresses relief and concurs that Becker needs to have a chance at re-establishing his reputation.)

- April 1985: Archdiocese becomes aware that Becker served as Confirmation sponsor for young man being confirmed.

- June 1985: Because West Allis Memorial Hospital wants all its chaplains to be certified, Becker requests letter of recommendation from Archbishop Weakland. Archbishop Weakland writes to National Association of Catholic Chaplains supporting Becker's certification and stating that Becker "is a priest in good standing..."

- July 1990: Complaint received by Vicar about Becker's insensitive pastoral care to her son (at hospital) and alleges Becker was riding through the family's neighborhood. Mother is concerned that Becker is calling her son.

- September 1990: Becker's term as chaplain at West Allis Memorial Hospital is renewed for an additional 6 years.

- August 1991: The parishes served by West Allis Memorial Hospital decide to replace Becker as chaplain.

- August 1992: Bishop Sklba give approval for Becker to provide weekend "help out" at St. Mary Parish in Cascade.

- September 1992: Member of St. Mary's parish, Cascade request Personnel Board to allow Becker to remain at parish.

- December 1992: Becker begins working temporarily at St. Mary's Cascade.

- July 1993: Becker unassigned with restricted ministry.

- January 1994: Becker wants to serve as temporary chaplain on a cruise, but needs a certificate of good standing from archdiocese. Archbishop Weakland is consulted because of Becker's restricted ministry. Certificate is issued.

- December 1994: Individual who sent letters in early 1983 as Becker's "friend," now notifies Archbishop Weakland that her own children were abused by Becker in the 1970s.

- February 1996: Becker sent for evaluation to the St. Louis Consultation Center. Report issued states that in absence of intervention, it is likely that patterns of problematic sexual acting out by Becker will recur. Treatment should be considered in a long-term residential facility specializing in treatment of sexual disorders.

- March 1996: Becker is referred to the Phoenix Clinic for treatment. An assessment report is issued in January 1997.

- April 1996: Becker requests permission to serve as chaplain on a cruise. No notation whether permission is granted.

- July 1996: Psychologist treating Becker advises archdiocese that Becker remains at risk to act out and questions whether he sould be allowed on cruises. Archdiocesan staff (Piasecki) questions whether the treatment should shift to counseling Becker out of priesthood. Archbishop Weakland agrees that would be the best approach.

- November 1996: Becker writes Archbishop Weakland that "my greatest desire is for reconciliation with you and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee."

- January 1997: Phoenix Clinic advises archdiocese that without Becker in treatment, he remains a potential risk to act out against children.

- January 1997: Vicar informs Becker that he will have someone regularly check in on Becker to ensure Becker is maintaining his therapy and adhering to ministry restrictions.

- April 1997: New doctor treating Becker advises archdiocese that Becker is not cooperative and is, in fact, not treatable.

- July 1997: Becker continues to "help out" at parishes on an "as needed" basis.

- August 1999: Vicar reviews ministry restrictions with Becker, including approval for parish "help out" work, but restrictions against any other ministry, prohibiting contact with minors, and continuing therapy.

- January 2002: Becker requests approval to retain help out position at the Tri-Parishes of Rubicon, Neosho and Woodland. Vicar reminds Becker he is not eligible for assignment, but is permitted to help out on weekends.

- April 2002: Becker restricted from all public ministry, including weekend help out.

- April 2002: Archbishop Weakland issues a Church order (precept) against Becker, which states Becker is to cease all public ministry, all pastoral counseling, may not hear confessions, must not contact any minors or vulnerable adults, to avoid places that have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality.

- April 2002: The Archdiocese of Milwaukee receives word from the Diocese of San Diego that a individual in California contacted them about Franklyn Becker and wants to be assured others are not at risk.

- May 2002: Becker is arrested for childhood sexual abuse.

- July 2002: Becker is advised that his name will be published by the archdiocese, along with five other priests who were not fully restricted from ministry because of sexual abuse allegations.

- August 2002: The existing prohibitions against Becker are made permanent by now-Archbishop Timothy Dolan. Vicar tells Becker, most likely, he will not be allowed to do any public ministry ever again.

- December 2002: Archdiocese receives allegation of childhood sexual abuse against Becker and refers it to the Milwaukee County District Attorney.

- May 2003: Becker arrested on sexual assault charges in California.

- May 2003: Archbishop Dolan petitions the Holy See, asking that Becker be removed from the clerical state.

- Xxxxx: Becker is removed from the clerical state. ~~Archbishop Dolan authorizes payment of $10,000 to Becker for transition to lay status, to pay for medical insurance.~~ could pay for his limit his insurance coverage as it pays then stopped, Archbishop Dolan ~~paid~~ for subsidized emergency room medical insurance ~~for life~~. ($10,000) to cover the year until Becker is eligible for Medicare.

The above listing is ~~not complete, but~~ a summary of the more than 800 pages of documents related to Franklyn Becker.

Questions and Answers

Q: Why share this information?

A: The information will be part of a lawsuit filed against the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and will be released to the plaintiff's attorneys. It has been a practice of Archbishop Dolan to share important news with the people of the archdiocese, even when the news is bad.

Q: Is this the worst of the records?

A: This is a summary of more than 800 pages of records. There are always phrases and parts of documents that can be used - in or out of context - that make something sound new or different or worse than reported in this newsletter. Nonetheless, we believe this is a fair portrayal of the incidents reported in the files. We do not make judgments on what is "better" or "worse." Any instance of sexual misconduct and sexual abuse of a minor is evil.

Q: What can we expect from the news media about these documents?

A: We would expect news media to treat this information as they would any other type of information considered "news." By providing a chronology of events in our records, our hope is to give readers a more comprehensive view

than they may be able to maintain from the news media or, because of limited space and time, the news media may be able to provide.

Q: What is the financial impact of these lawsuits?

A: The first concern of the Church is one of pastoral and spiritual care for all people of the archdiocese, including, especially in these matters, victim-survivors. At the same time, part of our care has to be a healthy concern for all the other equally-important constituents of the Church, and the Church's financial obligation to practice sound stewardship.

latest

It is too early to tell what, if any, financial impact these lawsuits will have. Certainly, simply by paying for legal representation, the lawsuits cost money. Each year, a complete financial accounting of the financial impact of the sexual abuse crisis is prepared and that information is available at www.archmil.org. In addition, annually, the archdiocese has an outside, independent financial audit and the audit results are reviewed by the archdiocesan finance council and published on our web site. For more information, contact John Marek, CFO, at 414-769-3300.

Q: What about Legislation to open the statute of limitations

careful: proposed legislation includes others

A: As much as we support helping victims of sexual abuse find healing, we cannot support a proposal that selectively repeals the statute of limitations, against the Catholic Church or other religious institutions, but not, equally, all other public and private institutions.

Pivotal

The statue of limitations exists for very good reasons. Finding the truth becomes more difficult as time passes. ~~Key~~ physical evidence is lost and personal recollections fade. Equally problematic, the accused or key witnesses die. Thus, there is a long history ~~in our legal system~~ regarding the importance of the statute of limitations in the American legal system. It is good law and its removal, even temporary, raises serious constitutional questions among legal scholars.

Perhaps, most importantly, the costs of defending lawsuits and of any damages that might ensue from them is born by innocent third parties, in this case Catholic parishioners, who are in no way responsible for mistakes made by other ~~individuals~~ decades ago. Why in the world should the innocent 700 000 Catholics of northeastern Wisconsin, who abhor what happened, have to be penalized because of the Discussed legislation would permit lawsuits against any defendant but it does not offer equal justice to every victims or survivor. State law limits the liability

nauseating behaviors -- totally at odds with[13] what the Church stands for -- of abusive priests.

of government entities to $50,000 per claim. Thus a child abused by a teacher in a Catholic school could be awarded millions by a jury, while a child abused by a public school employee could collect only $50,000.

This is not speculation. Research reports the number of incidents of sexual abuse of children in the larger public school system(s) dwarfs the number of incidents in parochial schools.

Finally, the Church has not ignored victims whose claims are barred by the statute of limitations. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has voluntarily mediated settlements with over 160 survivors of abuse by clergy for whose claims were barred by the statute of limitations.

We think justice is better served learning from past mistakes and using our knowledge to secure better prevention, prompt reporting of abuse and strict accountability for offenders.

Q: Recently you announced a capital campaign – how does this affect that campaign?

A: The Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign is moving forward, with pilot parishes already in "campaign mode" at 15 sites. The *Faith in Our Future Trust* has been legally established to make sure the intent and conditions of donors are followed and respected. This *trust* is separate from the archdiocese, has obligations of its own, and can only be used for Catholic education and faith formation, not for debts of the archdiocese, the past or present expenses of the abuse crisis, or ~~paper clips~~ operating costs at the Cousins Center.

Q: If you know that priests are guilty, why are you defending lawsuits? Why don't you just settle with the victims?

A: Resolution *has* been reached with nearly 160 individuals – the majority through the independent mediation system. Recognizing the need for a process outside the Church structure to address claims of sexual abuse of a minor by diocesan clergy, an independent, voluntary mediation systems was introduced in January 2004.

Q: That's great, but why defend lawsuits?

A: For people who have chosen to sue, that is a decision they have made. Once the matter is in the legal system, the processing of those claims is up to the courts. As part of that process, the archdiocese hopes the courts require the parties to investigate out-of-court settlements as a way to reach resolution. If resolution is not reached, the archdiocese has no option but to proceed as directed by the courts to resolve the matter.

Q: I thought victims-survivors could not sue the Church in Wisconsin.

A: That has been a myth for some time. Victims-survivors have always had the right to sue the Church. However, just like with any civil action, the window for suing the Church has been governed by a statute of limitations.

Sidebar on back panel: The Church's commitment to victims-survivors of clergy sexual abuse of a minor

Headline: TBD

Q. What about Becker? Is he still "at large"?

A. Yes. He has been laicized, so he can never again function as an represent himself as a priest; his name and crimes have been published related to the press, and is permanently listed on the archdiocesan web-site; local law enforcement officials have been advised of his presence and his history, as have local parishes; and any new allegations against him are immediately turned over to the police (as is archdiocesan policy with all such matters).

① released to proper authority

② Outside audit

③ issue of privacy

④ principle that one should be able to approach bishop in confidence whether that be a V/S / priest lay person

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

January 13, 2006

Reverend Thomas Biersack
St. Mary Parish
PO Box 22
Mayville, WI 53050

Dear Tom,

As you were previously informed by Archbishop Dolan, Franklyn Becker has been dismissed from the clerical state and can no longer exercise any ministry, public or private. These are always difficult cases and are not attended to lightly. It is only after extensive discussion, and in the most serious cases, that this action is taken.

Franklyn resides in a geographical locale that is reasonably near you, so I wanted to reiterate to you his status. Because of the laicization, we no longer have any authority to monitor him and his actions. Local civil officials have been notified of his presence in the community as well. If you receive any information that he is presenting himself as a priest or doing anything that would appear to be "ministry" or that there are questions about his behavior, please advise me immediately so that I may make the necessary report to local civil officials. If you feel that you need to notify the civil officials for some reason, you are free and encouraged to do so.

Let us continue to support one another in prayer. I pray daily for you and for all our brother priests, those that struggle as well as those who go quietly about the work in the Lord's vineyard.

Thank you for the good work you do.

In the Lord Jesus,

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Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Dolan

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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As you are painfully aware, during the past five years, there has been much news regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests -- both in this archdiocese and across the nation.

Since my arrival as your archbishop, I have promised to try my best to be open and candid with you, the faithful Catholics of the Church in southeastern Wisconsin. Part of that openness has been my commitment to share news with you -- even when it's bad.

For example, you'll remember in summer of 2006, I told you about lawsuits facing the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for sexual abuse cases involving former priest Siegfried Widera and Franklyn Becker, and the pending financial consequences of those lawsuits. Those ten cases in California were settled in a multi-million dollar agreement, all of which I made public.

In July of this year, the Wisconsin Supreme Court handed down a decision directing that cases alleging sexual abuse against two offending priests of the archdiocese could proceed, even though the events were 20-to-40-years old.

Those cases have now been returned to the trial judges to go forward through normal court procedures. In addition, since July 2007, two other cases have been

brought against the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, alleging sexual abuse in Wisconsin by a different priest, ~~named~~ Bruce MacArthur. MacArthur was not a priest of our Archdiocese of Milwaukee, but did serve here for several years.

During the next months, the records of the three offenders will be part of the court proceedings. Thus, I am sending you this newsletter to let you know of the information that will be forthcoming. As you have often told me: "Archbishop, when there is bad news coming, we'd prefer to hear it from you." Well, as you will see, this news is nauseating.

There are three priests accused of wrongdoing. None of these three accused individuals are serving as priests within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, nor have they done so for many years.

The accused are Siegfried Widera, Bruce MacArthur and Franklyn Becker. Widera is dead; MacArthur is under the direction of the Diocese of Sioux Falls and residing in a controlled nursing home; and Becker, who lives in Dodge County, was laicized in 2004, ~~and is no longer a priest~~. Information about all three men is included in this newsletter.

However, I want to talk specifically about the case involving Franklyn Becker. As I said, Becker was laicized in 2004. Although there could be various explanations for all the decisions that were made or not made, at the end of the day, you will see, I have to admit, a particularly ugly example of how the Church made dreadful mistakes in its handling of these cases. The information about this ex-priest is sickening.

Some might argue that since both doctors and civil officials made the same mistakes by recommending reassignments, transfers or "fresh starts," that the Church should not be held accountable for the decisions made 20 or 30 years ago. Some would say that the Church was simply following the "praxis" of the time, considering the circumstances, the body of knowledge then available to us, and the recommendations that were presented, suggesting offenders could be moved and reassigned.

This might all be true, but I need to say that our faith tells us that our Church must acknowledge that poor decisions were made, regardless of how these decisions were reached. And, the decisions about Becker were bad.

So what do we do next? Do we hide under the bed while the scab of this mess is once again picked open? No! The good work of Jesus Christ and His Church continues, despite this mess and despite any of us. The mistakes of the past do

not change the needs of our people today, the needs of today's community or the needs of our world.

Nor, let me remind you, do these things diminish the good work that has been done over the past five-plus years as we have ardently worked with victims/survivors and the wider community to bring healing and resolution. Nothing changes our commitment to continue to work together to ensure that we do everything in our power to protect our children and young people.

In the past, people can point and say the Catholic Church is a shining example of what NOT to do, as some of this data will show. Now, however, even outside, objective observers say the Catholic Church is an example of what TO do.

That is why we insist upon safe environment programs in all of our parishes and schools. That's why all staff and volunteers who work with children take safe environment training as a way of recognizing the signs of abuse. That's why we have a full-time victims-assistance coordinator to work with victims/survivors, and I meet regularly with a community advisory board made up of survivors, advocates and experts in the area of sexual abuse. That's why now, no one who has ever abused a minor can ever serve as a priest again. It's also why I directed the names of offending priests to be published on our archdiocesan website back in 200x.

Some of you might ask, "why?" Why are you telling us this; why can't you just let this be over and move on?" Part of me would like nothing more, but, I know, that this crisis will never be over. Practically, too, I know that you are better hearing this news from me, all at once.

So that's why I share it with you now. May I ask that you please pray for people who have been victims/survivors of sexual abuse, especially for those whose abuse came ~~at the hands of~~ about by clergy?

May I also ask that you pray for our Church, especially our Church in southeastern Wisconsin, that the Holy Spirit continue to guide us and give us strength to get through this, and that His Church be cleansed, purified and renewed by the agony of this scandal, sin and suffering.

Faithfully in Christ,

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Front page sidebar: boxed
Headline: Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual abuse, it is important that you come forward so you can receive assistance.

The Church has a mission to help the victims and survivors of sexual abuse. Sexual abuse is always wrong and not the fault of the individual who has been abused.

Reports can be made to the Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Services Office at ~~(414) 769-3436.~~ 414-758-2232 or to the Healing Center ----(866) 302-9215

A list of agencies in the 10 counties of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee offering free services to victims/survivors of sexual abuse is available at http://www.archmil.org/aboutus/ShowResource.asp?ID=1270. Also available at this link is a card listing all agencies, which can be printed and distributed.

www.archmil.org/Community Contacts

Lawsuit summary
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2002 There has been much written about Siegfried Widera over the last - years several in Calif & Wisc.

Siegfried Widera. Little needs to be added about Siegfried Widera. He was the priest who died in 200x while on the run in Mexico after being criminally indicted on multiple counts of child sexual abuse. He last served as a priest in the Diocese of Orange, California, and both the Diocese of Orange and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee settled lawsuits in 2006 with nine California victims because of the harm he caused. The lawsuits were settled for $16.65 million, with more than half of the amount paid by archdiocesan insurance companies, to the nine California victims, as well as one California victim of Franklyn Becker. All files of the archdiocese involving Siegfried Widera were disclosed and provided to the attorneys representing victims as part of the suit.

1965 1970

Bruce MacArthur. MacArthur was ordained in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and served there both before and after serving in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. His years in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee were limited, from 19xx to 19xx, and, during that time, no incidents or of abuse were reported. However, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee was named in a lawsuit in South Dakota several years ago as a result of abuse that Bruce MacArthur committed when he served as a

There is no record of reports of abuse

chaplain for a hospital in the Beaver Dam, Wis., area. In that lawsuit, MacArthur admitted his abuse.

The earlier case involving MacArthur was brought in South Dakota and was settled, jointly with the Diocese of Sioux Falls, in 200X. All files of the archdiocese involving Bruce MacArthur were provided to the attorneys representing ~~victims~~ as part of that lawsuit.

Since the Wisconsin Supreme Court decision in July of this year, allowing ~~ed~~ decades-old allegations to proceed under a fraud claim, three additional persons have sued the archdiocese and the Diocese of Sioux Falls, alleging abuse by MacArthur.

Sidebar: Becker Assignments (boxed)
Headline: Pastoral Assignments of Franklyn Becker

Franklyn W. Becker
Year of Ordination - 1964
Pastoral work and assignments
Holy Assumption Parish, West Allis (1964-1968)
St. John de Nepomuc Parish, Milwaukee (1968-1972)
Holy Family Parish, Whitefish Bay (1972-1974)
St. William Parish, Waukesha (1974)
Campus ministry at Marshall University in Wheeling, West Virginia (1974-1975)
Campus minister at St. Louis University (1976)
St. Brigid Parish, San Diego, California (1977-1979)
St. Margaret Mary Parish, Milwaukee (1979-1980)
St. Joseph Parish, Lyons (1980)
St. Eugene Parish, Fox Point (1980)
St. John Parish, South Milwaukee (1980)
St. Joseph Hospital, Milwaukee (1983)
West Allis Memorial Hospital (1984-1991)

Franklyn Becker. Franklyn Becker attended Saint Francis de Sales Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop William E. Cousins in 1964. He was laicized in 2003 and is no longer a priest. His laicization was ~~ordered~~ by the Holy See upon the request of Archbishop Dolan.

Although the archdiocese had earlier been sued in one case in California for the actions of Franklyn Becker, that case was resolved, along with the nine California lawsuits involving Siegfried Widera. Franklyn Becker's records were

not yet processed in the lawsuit by the time that suit was settled. But as the current Wisconsin lawsuits now go forward, Becker's records will be processed and delivered to the plaintiffs' lawyers. Those documents will show the following:

- Fall 1970: The first report of trouble came to the archdiocese in fall of 1970, when a telephone report was made about a problem between a parishioner's son and Becker. No ~~known~~ follow up ~~was done.~~ on record.
- November 1974: Pastor complains that Becker does no work at St. William parish.
- August to October 1976: Becker accepts position as campus minister at St. Louis University. Becker was forced to resign after 2 months. The University advises the archdiocese that part of the reason for the forced resignation was Becker's relationship to homosexuals and his encouragement of practicing homosexuals to attend services at the University. Also noted is that Becker is "difficult to work with."
- 1977: Archbishop Cousins releases Becker to work outside the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Becker works in the Diocese of San Diego.
- 1978: Becker advises ~~now~~-Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert Weakland of his decision to return to Milwaukee. Bishop of San Diego tells Archbishop Weakland that Becker was relieved of his duties and believes Becker "has psychological problems he must solve."
- 1979: Becker is assigned to St. Margaret Mary Parish, Milwaukee.
- February 1980: Two parishioners are aware of an "unfortunate incident" with a boy. This is reported to ____(vicar??)_____. After meeting with ___(vicar??)_____, Becker promises treatment and ~~not to~~ do it again. He requests transfer from the parish (St. Margaret Mary).
- February 1980: A few days later, Becker writes to Archbishop Weakland apologizing for becoming involved with a boy, but blames the boy for sharing the incident and says he has been "cast in a bad light" and "the decision that he leave the parish (St. Margaret Mary) seems to be a prudent one." Becker's letter also states: "With my orientation, the frequent presence of teenage boys in the house (rectory) at night was tantalizing to say the least."

- February 1980: Recommendation by archdiocese that Becker consult with psychologist, which he does. After five sessions, Becker reports that no further counseling is needed and requests to stay at St. Margaret Mary.

- February 1980: Members of St. Margaret Mary Parish, aware of an incident of an inappropriate act with a teenage boy, ask for leniency and understanding, and request Becker be allowed to stay in the parish.

- June 1980: Becker appointed temporary administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Lyons.

- August to October 1980: Becker requests assignment at St. Eugene, Fox Point. Pastor objects. Vicar for Clergy assures pastor that Becker is willing to settle down and "needs one more chance." Vicar also acknowledges that it is time to tell Becker that no priest wants to work with him.

- October 1980: Becker writes Archbishop Weakland complimenting the Archbishop's (Catholic Herald) column on homosexuality and the Church. Becker brings up his desire to return to California and whether there may be a "benevolent bishop" in California where he might serve.

- December 1980: Personnel Board recommends six-year assignment to St. John Parish, South Milwaukee.

- January 1981: Pastor (Hefferner?) informs Vicar of incident with Becker and a young boy who Becker touched improperly during a swimming session. Becker denies events. Pastor does not tell parents of Becker's prior history. Parents believe Becker and apologize to him for accusing him of this.

- March 1981: Letter to Vicar (Fr. Janicki) tells of Becker "pursuing" boy and his friend because they have "common interests." Also talks of Becker's "living the good life."

- June to August 1982: Review by Personnel Board. Becker says he prefers working in a parish or with high school and college-age young people. Becker writes Personnel Board requesting campus ministry assignment and complains about not receiving one in the past. Complains about two other priests being possible candidates when those priests are equally "not above reproach."

- December 1982: Pastor (~~Heffernan?~~ Heffron) reports to Vicar that Becker took a minor on a Caribbean cruise. Boy's mother supports Becker. Vicar confronts Becker. Becker admits using "bad judgment," but denies any physical contact with boy. Becker ordered to see doctor for immediate therapy. (name; psychologist?)

- December 1982: New pastor of St. John ____ does not want to work with Becker. Becker removed from St. John's and ordered to be sent for a holistic evaluation.

- January 1983: Friend writes vicar (?) on Becker's behalf. Friend "aware of his problems, including those with young boys..."

- February 1983: Psychology report sent to archdiocese reports Becker (diagnosed) with pedophilia. "Possibility of sexual acting out with male minor children is high." Report recommends Becker's reassignment preclude involvement with youths.

- March 1983: Vicar (?) consults with Milwaukee County District Attorney's office without using names. District Attorney advises that any such priest given adequate warnings should not be assigned where he could come in contact with youngsters. Advises to restrict from ministry for five years and if no other complaints are received, then, perhaps, give him another chance.

- March 1983: Becker's friend writes again reporting that, contrary to earlier belief, Becker has continued involvement with the boy (from the cruise).

- April 1983: After Becker writes Archbishop Weakland about future assignment, Archbishop Weakland refers him to the Priest Personnel Board saying he does want to become too much involved at this point with Becker's assignments.

- May 1983: Mother of boy Becker took on cruise sends letter declaring nothing happened and defending Becker.

- May 1983: Another doctor advises archdiocese that Becker is ego-centric, a homosexual, and a pedophile, and has no mechanism to stop once he develops the urge to act out. Doctor says parish ministry is "out of the question" and recommends an all-girl college or high school, or a geriatric nursing home or hospital setting.

- August 1983: Becker assigned to St. Joseph Hospital. Weakland cautions Becker in assignment letter about the possibility of permanent removal from ministry.

- Fall 1983: Becker complains about hospital work, saying he does not wish to continue, that it is causing him stress, and he is not suited to the work. Requests to be placed on sick live. Request is granted in November 1983.

- March 1984: After learning from the Director of Pastoral Care at the VA Center that Becker would not be accepted as chaplain because of his background and past history, Vicar calls asking why the director would not give a person, who was trying to start over, a chance.

- June 1984: Another doctor, a (clinical psychologist?_____, recommends to archdiocese that Becker could serve as associate pastor, under the proper conditions, but Vicar informs doctor that parish ministry is not possible.

- October 1984: Becker appointed as Chaplain at West Allis Memorial Hospital. Term is six years. Member of Personnel Board, (Fr. Paul Esser), expresses concern but is assured by Vicar that Becker is getting treatment.

- April 1985: Archdiocese becomes aware that Becker served as Confirmation sponsor for young man being confirmed.

- June 1985: Because West Allis Memorial Hospital wants all its chaplains to be certified, Becker requests letter of recommendation from Archbishop Weakland. Archbishop Weakland writes to National Association of Catholic Chaplains supporting Becker's certification and stating that Becker "is a priest in good standing..."

- July 1990: Complaint received by Vicar about Becker's insensitive pastoral care to her son (at hospital) and alleges Becker was riding through the family's neighborhood. Mother is concerned that Becker is calling her son.

- September 1990: Becker's term as chaplain at West Allis Memorial Hospital is renewed for an additional 6 years.

- August 1991: The parishes served by West Allis Memorial Hospital decide to replace Becker as chaplain.

- August 1992: Bishop Sklba give approval for Becker to provide weekend "help out" at St. Mary Parish in Cascade.

- September 1992: Member of St. Mary's parish, Cascade, request Personnel Board to allow Becker to remain at parish.

- December 1992: Becker begins working temporarily at St. Mary's Parish, Cascade.

- July 1993: Becker unassigned with restricted ministry.

- January 1994: Becker wants to serve as temporary chaplain on a cruise, but needs a certificate of good standing from archdiocese. Archbishop Weakland is consulted because of Becker's restricted ministry. Certificate is issued.

- December 1994: Individual who sent letters in early 1983 as Becker's "friend," now notifies Archbishop Weakland that her own children were abused by Becker in the 1970s.

- February 1996: Becker sent for evaluation to the St. Louis Consultation Center. Report issued states that in absence of intervention, it is likely that patterns of problematic sexual acting out by Becker will recur. Treatment should be considered in a long-term residential facility specializing in treatment of sexual disorders.

- March 1996: Becker is referred to the Phoenix Clinic for treatment. An assessment report is issued in January 1997.

- April 1996: Becker requests permission to serve as chaplain on a cruise. No notation whether permission is granted.

- June 1996: Vicar for Clergy assigns a Deacon with professional law enforcement experience to check on Becker on regular basis.

- July 1996: Psychologist treating Becker advises archdiocese that Becker remains at risk to act out and questions whether he sould be allowed on cruises. Archdiocesan staff (Piasecki) questions whether the treatment should shift to counseling Becker out of priesthood. Archbishop Weakland agrees that would be the best approach.

- November 1996: Becker writes Archbishop Weakland that "my greatest desire is for reconciliation with you and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee."

- January 1997: Phoenix Clinic advises archdiocese that without Becker in treatment, he remains a potential risk to act out against children.
- January 1997: Vicar informs Becker that he will have someone regularly check in on Becker to ensure Becker is maintaining his therapy and adhering to ministry restrictions.
- April 1997: New doctor treating Becker advises archdiocese that Becker is not cooperative and is, in fact, not treatable.
- July 1997: Becker continues to "help out" at parishes on an "as needed" basis.
- August 1999: Vicar reviews ministry restrictions with Becker, including approval for parish "help out" work, but restrictions against any other ministry, prohibiting contact with minors, and continuing therapy.
- January 2002: Becker requests approval to retain help out position at the Tri-Parishes of Rubicon, Neosho and Woodland. Vicar reminds Becker he is not eligible for assignment, but is permitted to help out on weekends.
- April 2002: Becker restricted from all public ministry, including weekend help out.
- April 2002: Archbishop Weakland issues a Church order (precept) against Becker, which states Becker is to cease all public ministry, all pastoral counseling, may not hear confessions, must not contact any minors or vulnerable adults, to avoid places that have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality.
- April 2002: The Archdiocese of Milwaukee receives word from the Diocese of San Diego that an individual in California contacted them about Franklyn Becker and wants to be assured others are not at risk.
- May 2002: Becker is arrested for ~~childhood~~ sexual ~~abuse~~ assault of a minor
- July 2002: Becker is advised that his name will be published by the archdiocese, along with five other priests who were not fully restricted from ministry because of sexual abuse allegations.

- August 2002: The existing prohibitions against Becker are made permanent by ~~now~~-Archbishop Timothy Dolan. Vicar tells Becker, most likely, he will not be allowed to do any public ministry ever again.

- December 2002: Archdiocese receives allegation of ~~childhood~~ sexual abuse against Becker and refers it to the Milwaukee County District Attorney.

- May 2003: Becker arrested on sexual assault charges in California.

- May 2003: Archbishop Dolan petitions the Holy See, asking that Becker be removed from the clerical state.

- November 2004: Becker is removed from the clerical state. Archbishop Dolan authorizes payment of $10,000, since Becker's insurance coverage as a priest has stopped, to subsidize emergency medical insurance until Becker is eligible for Medicare.

- December 2004: Vicar for Clergy notifies Sherriff ~~of jx county~~ where Becker resides that Becker is living in area and has substantiated cased of sexual abuse involving children.

- January 2006: Vicar for Clergy notifies pastor of neighboring parishes where Becker resides that Becker is living in area and is no longer a priest.

The above listing is a summary of the more than 800 pages of documents related to Franklyn Becker.

Questions and Answers

Box: Archbishop Timothy Dolan speaks about the Franklyn Becker case and answers other questions related to clergy sexual abuse of minors at www.archmil.org

Q: Why share this information?

A: The information will be part of a lawsuit filed against the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and will be released to the plaintiff's attorneys. It has been a practice

of Archbishop Dolan to share important news with the people of the archdiocese, even when the news is bad.

Q: So, are you sharing this now only because of these lawsuits?

A: Information has been shared in town hall meetings throughout this summer and fall when Archbishop Dolan met with priests and parish leaders regarding the *Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign*. The information is being shared directly now, because we believe it will become public through these lawsuits and want people to receive the information directly from the archdiocese.

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Q: Is this the worst of the records?

A: This is a summary of more than 800 pages of records. There are always phrases and parts of documents that can be used – in or out of context – that make something sound new or different or worse than reported in this newsletter. Nonetheless, we believe this is a fair portrayal of the incidents reported in the files. We do not make judgments on what is "better" or "worse." Any instance of sexual misconduct and sexual abuse of a minor is evil.

Q: What about releasing the same information on all other suspected abusers?

A: The information from the files of diocesan priests with any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor were released and reviewed by civil authorities in 2002 and 2003. Any new allegations are immediately referred to civil authorities if the abuser is still alive.

In addition, an outside, forensic audit of all ~~diocesan priest~~ clergy files was conducted to ensure any incident of possible abuse by a diocesan priest was uncovered.

The names of all diocesan priests with substantiated incidents of sexual abuse of a minor are posted on the archdiocesan web site.

However, we do not believe that the ugly details of each individual case need to be released publicly. This serves no purpose, but to sensationalize the incidents and re-victimize those who have suffered abuse.

There is also the issue of an individual's right to privacy when it comes to personnel files. No business or organization would release information in the private, personnel files of someone in their organization. And, there should be

some principle upheld that assures people – whether a priest, deacon or lay person – that they can approach their bishop, in confidence, to discuss a private concern.

Q: What can we expect from the news media about these documents?

A: We would expect news media to treat this information as they would any other type of information considered "news." By providing a chronology of events in our records, our hope is to give readers a more comprehensive view than they may be able to maintain from the news media or, because of limited space and time, the news media may be able to provide.

Q: What is the financial impact of these lawsuits?

A: The first concern of the Church is one of pastoral and spiritual care for all people of the archdiocese, including, especially in these matters, victim-survivors. At the same time, part of our care has to be a healthy concern for all the other equally-important constituents of the Church, and the Church's financial obligation to practice sound stewardship.

It is too early to tell what, if any, financial impact these lawsuits will have. Certainly, simply by paying for legal representation, the lawsuits cost money. Each year, a complete financial accounting of the financial impact of the sexual abuse crisis is prepared and that latest information is available at www.archmil.org. In addition, annually, the archdiocese has an outside, independent financial audit and the audit results are reviewed by the archdiocesan finance council and published on our web site. For more information, contact John Marek, CFO, at 414-769-3300.

Q: What about Legislation to open the statute of limitations

A: As much as we support helping victims of sexual abuse find healing, we cannot support a proposal that selectively repeals the statute of limitations.

The statue of limitations exists for very good reasons. Finding the truth becomes more difficult as time passes. Pivotal physical evidence is lost and personal recollections fade. Equally problematic, the accused or key witnesses die. Thus, there is a long history regarding the importance of the statute of limitations in the American legal system. It is good law and its removal, even temporary, raises serious constitutional questions among legal scholars.

How does this statement fit w/ our consistent claim that we don't use parishioners' $ for claims?

Perhaps, most importantly, the costs of defending lawsuits and of any damages that might ensue from them is born by innocent third parties, in this case Catholic parishioners, who are in no way responsible for mistakes made by others decades ago. Why should the innocent Catholics of southeastern Wisconsin, who abhor what happened, be penalized because of the actions of others.

Discussed legislation would permit lawsuits against any defendant, but it does not offer equal justice to every victims or survivor. State law limits the liability of government entities to $50,000 per claim. Thus a child abused by a teacher in a Catholic school could be awarded millions by a jury, while a child abused by a public school employee could collect only $50,000.

This is not speculation. Research reports the number of incidents of sexual abuse of children in the larger public school system(s) dwarfs the number of incidents in parochial schools.

Finally, the Church has not ignored victims whose claims are barred by the statute of limitations. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has voluntarily mediated settlements with over 160 survivors of abuse by clergy for whose claims were barred by the statute of limitations.

We think justice is better served learning from past mistakes and using our knowledge to secure better prevention, prompt reporting of abuse, and strict accountability for offenders.

Q: Why aren't people like Becker in jail?

A: The statutes of limitations on the criminal actions have expired. In 2003, the files on all diocesan priests with allegations of sexual abuse of a minor were reviewed by the Milwaukee County District Attorney to see if any criminal charges could be brought.

determine

Although there has been much talk about opening a legislative window allowing victims/survivors to file civil lawsuits and collect financial damages, there has been no discussion about opening a window that would allow the *criminal* charges to go forward. Wouldn't that be a better approach to ensuring that the people who are guilty for perpetrating the abuse are the ones who are held accountable?

That was found unconstitutional by US Supreme Ct re. CA legislation

Q: Recently you announced a capital campaign – how does this affect that campaign?

A: The *Faith In Our Future* Capital Campaign is moving forward, with pilot parishes already in "campaign mode" at 15 sites. The *Faith in Our Future Trust* has been legally established to make sure the intent and conditions of donors are followed and respected. This *trust* is separate from the archdiocese, has obligations of its own, and can only be used for Catholic education and faith formation, not for debts of the archdiocese, the past or present expenses of the abuse crisis, or operating costs at the Cousins Center.

Q: If you know that priests are guilty, why are you defending lawsuits? Why don't you just settle with the victims?

A: Resolution *has* been reached with ~~nearly~~ 160 individuals – the majority through the independent mediation system. ~~Recognizing~~ the need for a process outside the Church structure to address claims of sexual abuse of a minor by diocesan clergy, an independent, voluntary mediation systems was introduced in January 2004.

Q: That's great, but why defend lawsuits?

A: For people who have chosen to sue, that is a decision they have made. Once the matter is in the legal system, the processing of those claims is up to the courts. As part of that process, the archdiocese hopes the courts require the parties to investigate out-of-court settlements as a way to reach resolution. If resolution is not reached, the archdiocese has no option but to proceed as directed by the courts to resolve the matter.

Q: I thought victims/survivors could not sue the Church in Wisconsin.

A: That has been a myth for some time. Victims/survivors have always had the right to sue the Church. However, just like with any civil action, the window for suing the Church has been governed by a statute of limitations.

Q: What about Becker? Is he still "at large?"

A: Becker has been laicized, so he can never again function as or represent himself as a priest. His name and crimes have been released to the media and his

name is permanently listed on the archdiocesan web site. Local law enforcement officials have been advised of his presence and his history, as have local parishes in the area where Becker lives. Any new allegations against Becker are turned over to the police, as is archdiocesan policy with all allegations received against men that are still alive. Since Becker is laicized, the archdiocese has no influence over where Becker lives as an independent citizen.

Sidebar on back panel: The Church's commitment to victims-survivors of clergy sexual abuse of a minor

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Box: For more information regarding the Church's response to sexual abuse of minors by priests, visit www.archmil.org.

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- Fall 1970: The first report of trouble came to the archdiocese in fall of 1970, when a telephone report was made about a problem between a parishioner's son and Becker. No known follow up was done.

- November 1974: Pastor complains about Becker's lack of work ethic at St. William parish.

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- 1979: Becker is assigned to St. Margaret Mary Parish, Milwaukee.

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- August to October 1980: Becker requests assignment at St. Eugene, Fox Point. Pastor objects. Vicar assures pastor that Becker is willing to settle down and "needs one more chance." Vicar also acknowledges that it is time to tell Becker that no priest wants to work with him.

- October 1980: Becker writes Archbishop Weakland complimenting the Archbishop's (Catholic Herald) column on homosexuality and the Church. Becker brings up his desire to return to California and whether there may be a "benevolent bishop" in California where he might serve.

- December 1980: Personnel Board recommends six-year assignment to St. John Parish, South Milwaukee.

- January 1981: Pastor (Hefferner?) informs Vicar of incident with Becker and a young boy who Becker touched improperly during a swimming session. Becker denies events. Pastor does not tell parents of Becker's prior history. Parents believe Becker and apologize to him for accusing him of this.

- March 1981: letter to Vicar (Fr. Janicki) tells of Becker "pursuing" boy and his friend because they have "common interests." Also talks of Becker's "living the good life."

- June to August 1982: Review by Personnel Board. Becker says he prefers working in a parish or with high school and college age young people. Becker writes Personnel Board requesting campus ministry assignment and complains about not receiving one in the past. Complains about two other priests being possible candidates when those priests are equally "not above reproach."

- December 1982: Pastor (Heffernan?) reports to Vicar that Becker took a minor on a Caribbean cruise. Boy's mother supports Becker. Vicar

confronts Becker. Becker admits using "bad judgment," but denies any physical contact with boy. Becker ordered to see doctor for immediate therapy.

- December 1982: New pastor of St. _____ does not want to work with Becker. Becker removed from St. John's and ordered to be sent for a holistic evaluation.

- January 1983: Friend writes vicar on Becker's behalf. Friend "aware of his problems, including those with young boys..."

- February 1983: Psychology report sent to archdiocese reports Becker with pedophilia. "Possibility of sexual acting out with male minor children is high." Report recommends Becker's reassignment preclude involvement with youths.

- March 1983: Vicar consults with Milwaukee County District Attorney's office without using names. District Attorney advises that any such priest given adequate warnings would not be assigned where he could come in contact with youngsters. Advises to restrict from ministry for five years and if no other complaints are received, then, perhaps, give him another chance.

- March 1983: Becker's friend writes again reporting that, contrary to earlier belief, Becker has continued involvement with the boy (from the cruise).

- April 1983: After Becker writes Archbishop Weakland about future assignment, Archbishop Weakland refers him to the Priest Personnel Board saying he does want to become too much involved at this point with Becker's assignments.

- May 1983: Mother of boy Becker took on cruise sends letter declaring nothing happened and defending Becker.

- May 1983: Another doctor advises archdiocese that Becker is ego-centric, a homosexual, and a pedophile, and has no mechanism to stop once he develops the urge to act out. Doctor says parish ministry is "out of the question" and recommends an all-girl college or high school, or a geriatric nursing home or hospital setting.

- August 1983: Becker assigned to St. Joseph Hospital. Weakland cautions Becker in assignment letter about the possibility of permanent removal from ministry.

- Fall 1983: Becker complains about hospital work, saying he does not wish to continue, that it is causing him stress, and he is not suited to the work. Requests to be place on sick live. Request is granted in November 1983.

- March 1984: After learning from the Director of Pastoral Care at the VA Center that Becker would not be accepted as chaplain because of his background and past history, Vicar calls asking why the director would not give a person, who was trying to start over, a chance.

- June 1984: Another doctor recommends to archdiocese that Becker could serve as associate pastor, under the proper conditions, but Vicar informs doctor that parish ministry is not possible.

- October 1984: Becker appointed as Chaplain at West Allis Memorial Hospital. Term is six years. Member of Personnel Board expresses concern but is assured by Vicar that Becker is getting treatment. Board member (Esser) expresses relief and concurs that Becker needs to have a chance at re-establishing his reputation.

- April 1985: Archdiocese becomes aware that Becker served as Confirmation sponsor for young man being confirmed.

- June 1985: Because West Allis Memorial Hospital wants all its chaplains to be certified, Becker requests letter of recommendation from Archbishop Weakland. Archbishop Weakland writes to National Association of Catholic Chaplains supporting Becker's certification and stating that Becker "is a priest in good standing..."

- July 1990: Complaint received by Vicar about Becker's insensitive pastoral care to her son (at hospital) and alleges Becker was riding through the family's neighborhood. Mother is concerned that Becker is calling her son.

- September 1990: Becker's term as chaplain at West Allis Memorial Hospital is renewed for an additional 6 years.

- August 1991: The parishes served by West Allis Memorial Hospital decide to replace Becker as chaplain.

- August 1992: Bishop Sklba give approval for Becker to provide weekend "help out" at St. Mary Parish in Cascade.

- September 1992: Member of St. Mary's parish, Cascade request Personnel Board to allow Becker to remain at parish.

- December 1992: Becker begins working temporarily at St. Mary's Cascade.

- July 1993: Becker unassigned with restricted ministry.

- January 1994: Becker wants to serve as temporary chaplain on a cruise, but needs a certificate of good standing from archdiocese. Archbishop Weakland is consulted because of Becker's restricted ministry. Certificate is issued.

- December 1994: Individual who sent letters in early 1983 as Becker's "friend," now notifies Archbishop Weakland that her own children were abused by Becker in the 1970s.

- February 1996: Becker sent for evaluation to the St. Louis Consultation Center. Report issued states that in absence of intervention, it is likely that patterns of problematic sexual acting out by Becker will recur. Treatment should be considered in a long-term residential facility specializing in treatment of sexual disorders.

- March 1996: Becker is referred to the Phoenix Clinic for treatment. An assessment report is issued in January 1997.

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- July 1996: Psychologist treating Becker advises archdiocese that Becker remains at risk to act out and questions whether he sould be allowed on cruises. Archdiocesan staff (Piasecki) questions whether the treatment should shift to counseling Becker out of priesthood. Archbishop Weakland agrees that would be the best approach.

- November 1996: Becker writes Archbishop Weakland that "my greatest desire is for reconciliation with you and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee."

- January 1997: Phoenix Clinic advises archdiocese that without Becker in treatment, he remains a potential risk to act out against children.

- January 1997: Vicar informs Becker that he will have someone regularly check in on Becker to ensure Becker is maintaining his therapy and adhering to ministry restrictions.

- April 1997: New doctor treating Becker advises archdiocese that Becker is not cooperative and is, in fact, not treatable.

- July 1997: Becker continues to "help out" at parishes on an "as needed" basis.

- August 1999: Vicar reviews ministry restrictions with Becker, including approval for parish "help out" work, but restrictions against any other ministry, prohibiting contact with minors, and continuing therapy.

- January 2002: Becker requests approval to retain help out position at the Tri-Parishes of Rubicon, Neosho and Woodland. Vicar reminds Becker he is not eligible for assignment, but is permitted to help out on weekends.

- April 2002: Becker restricted from all public ministry, including weekend help out.

- April 2002: Archbishop Weakland issues a Church order (precept) against Becker, which states Becker is to cease all public ministry, all pastoral counseling, may not hear confessions, must not contact any minors or vulnerable adults, to avoid places that have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality.

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- May 2002: Becker is arrested for childhood sexual abuse.

- July 2002: Becker is advised that his name will be published by the archdiocese, along with five other priests who were not fully restricted from ministry because of sexual abuse allegations.

- August 2002: The existing prohibitions against Becker are made permanent by now-Archbishop Timothy Dolan. Vicar tells Becker, most likely, he will not be allowed to do any public ministry ever again.

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- May 2003: Becker arrested on sexual assault charges in California.

- May 2003: Archbishop Dolan petitions the Holy See, asking that Becker be removed from the clerical state.

- Xxxxx: Becker is removed from the clerical state. Archbishop Dolan authorizes payment of $10,000 to Becker for transition to lay status, to pay for medical insurance.

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Questions and Answers

Q: Why share this information?

A: The information will be part of a lawsuit filed against the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and will be released to the plaintiff's attorneys. It has been a practice of Archbishop Dolan to share important news with the people of the archdiocese, even when the news is bad.

Q: Is this the worst of the records?

A: This is a summary of more than 800 pages of records. There are always phrases and parts of documents that can be used – in or out of context – that make something sound new or different or worse than reported in this newsletter. Nonetheless, we believe this is a fair portrayal of the incidents reported in the files. We do not make judgments on what is "better" or "worse." Any instance of sexual misconduct and sexual abuse of a minor is evil.

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A: We would expect news media to treat this information as they would any other type of information considered "news." By providing a chronology of events in our records, our hope is to give readers a more comprehensive view

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A: The first concern of the Church is one of pastoral and spiritual care for all people of the archdiocese, including, especially in these matters, victim-survivors. At the same time, part of our care has to be a healthy concern for all the other equally-important constituents of the Church, and the Church's financial obligation to practice sound stewardship.

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Franklyn Becker. Franklyn Becker attended Saint Francis de Sales Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop William E. Cousins in 1964. ~~Becker began his priestly ministry at Holy Assumption parish in West Allis.~~

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Franklyn Becker was ordained in the Archdiocese in 1964. He was laicized in 2003, and is no longer a priest. His laicization was directed by the Holy See upon the request of Archbishop Dolan.

Although the archdiocese had been sued in one case in California for the actions of Franklyn Becker, that case was settled, along with the nine California lawsuits involving Siegfried Widera. Franklyn Becker's records were not yet produced by the time that suit was settled. But as the current Wisconsin lawsuits go forward, Becker's records will be filed with the court. Those will show the following:

- Fall 1970: The first report of trouble came to the archdiocese in fall of 1970, when a telephone report was made about a problem between a parishioner's son and Becker. No follow up was done.
- November 1974: Pastor complains about Becker's lack of work ethic at St. William parish.
- August to October 1976: Becker accepts position as campus minister at St. Louis University. Becker was forced to resign after 2 months. The University writes that part of the reason for the forced resignation was Becker's relationship to homosexuals and his encouragement of practicing homosexuals to attend services at the University. Also noted is that Becker is "difficult to work with."
- 1977: Archbishop Cousins releases Becker to work outside the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Becker pursues work in the Diocese of San Diego.
- 1978: Becker advises now-Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert Weakland of his decision to return to Milwaukee. Bishop of San Diego tells Archbishop Weakland that Becker was relieved of his duties and believes Becker "has psychological problems he must solve."
- 1979: Becker is assigned to St. Margaret Mary Parish, Milwaukee.
- February 1980: Two parishioners are aware of an "unfortunate incident" with a boy. This is reported to ____(vicar??)_____. After meeting with ___(vicar??)_____, Becker promises treatment and not to do it again. He requests transfer from the parish (St. Margaret Mary).

- February 1980: A few days later, Becker writes to Archbishop Weakland apologizing for becoming involved with a boy, but blames the boy for sharing the incident and says he has been "cast in a bad light" and "the decision that he leave the parish (St. Margaret Mary) seems to be a prudent one." Becker's letter also states: "With my orientation, the frequent presence of teenage boys in the house (rectory) at night was tantalizing to say the least."

- February 1980: Recommendation by Archdiocese that Becker consult with psychologist, which he does. After five sessions, Becker reports that no further counseling is needed and requests to stay at St. Margaret Mary.

- February 1980: Members of St. Margaret Mary Parish, aware of an incident of an inappropriate act with a teenage boy, asks for leniency and understanding, and requests Becker be allowed to say in the parish.

- June 1980: Becker appointed temporary administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Lyons.

- August to October 1980: Becker requests assignment at St. Eugene, Fox Point. Pastor objects. Vicar assures pastor that Becker is willing to settle down and "needs one more chance." Vicar also acknowledges that it is time to tell Becker that no priest wants to work with him.

- October 1980: Becker writes Archbishop Weakland complimenting the Archbishop's (Catholic Herald) column on homosexuality and the Church. Becker brings up his desire to return to California and whether there may be a "benevolent bishop" in California where he might serve.

- December 1980: Personnel Board recommends six-year assignment to St. John Parish, South Milwaukee.

- January 1981: Pastor (Hefferner?) informs Vicar of incident with Becker and a young boy who Becker touched improperly during a swimming session. Becker denies events. Pastor does not tell parents of Becker's prior history. Parents believe Becker and apologize to him for accusing him of this.

- March 1981: letter to Vicar (Fr. Janicki) tells of Becker "pursuing" boy and his friend because they have "common interests." Also talks of Becker's "living the good life."

- June to August 1982: Review by Personnel Board. Becker says he prefers working in a parish or with high school and college age young people. Becker writes Personnel Board requesting campus ministry assignment and complains about not receiving one in the past. Complains about two other priests being possible candidates when those priests are equally "not above reproach."

- December 1982: Pastor (Heffernan?) reports to Vicar that Becker took a minor on a Caribbean cruise. Boy's mother supports Becker. Vicar confronts Becker. Becker admits using "bad judgment," but denies any physical contact with boy. Becker ordered to see doctor for immediate therapy.

- December 1982: New pastor of St. _____ does not want to work with Becker. Becker removed from St. John's and ordered to be sent for a holistic evaluation.

- January 1983: Friend writes vicar on Becker's behalf. Friend "aware of his problems, including those with young boys..."

- February 1983: Psychology report ~~diagnoses~~ sent to Archdiocese reports Becker with pedophilia. "Possibility of sexual acting out with male minor children is high." Report recommends Becker's reassignment preclude involvement with youths.

- March 1983: Vicar consults with Milwaukee County District Attorney's office without using names. District Attorney advises that any such priest given adequate warnings would not be assigned where he could come in contact with youngsters. Advises to restrict from ministry for five years and if no other complaints are received, then, perhaps, give him another chance.

- March 1983: Becker's friend writes again reporting that, contrary to earlier belief, Becker has continued involvement with the boy (from the cruise).

- April 1983: After Becker writes Archbishop Weakland about future assignment, Archbishop Weakland refers him to the Priest Personnel Board saying he does want to become too much involved at ~~this~~ point with Becker's assignments. 5 let

- May 1983: Mother of boy Becker took on cruise sends letter declaring nothing happened and defending Becker.

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Archdiocesan representative

- May 1983: Another doctor (Zimmerman) advises ~~Vicar~~ that Becker is ego-centric, a homosexual, and a pedophile, and has no mechanism to stop once he develops the urge to act out. Doctor says parish ministry is "out of the question" and recommends an all-girl college or high school, or a geriatric nursing home or hospital setting.

- August 1983: Becker assigned to St. Joseph Hospital. Weakland cautions Becker in assignment letter about the possibility of permanent removal from ministry.

- Fall 1983: Becker complains about hospital work, saying he does not wish to continue, that it is causing him stress, and he is not suited to the work. Requests to be place on sick live. Request is granted in November 1983. ?

- March 1984: After learning from the Director of Pastoral Care at the VA Center that Becker would not be accepted as chaplain because of his background and past history, Vicar calls asking why the director would not give a person, who was trying to start over, a chance.

- June 1984: Doctor (Durst) recommends to Archdiocese that Becker could serve as associate pastor, under the proper conditions, but Vicar informs doctor that parish ministry is not possible.

- October 1984: Becker appointed as Chaplain at West Allis Memorial Hospital. Term is six years. Member of Personnel Board expresses concern but is assured by Vicar that Becker is getting treatment. Board member (Esser) expresses relief and concurs that Becker needs to have a chance at re-establishing his reputation.

- April 1985: Archdiocese becomes aware that Becker served as Confirmation sponsor for young man being confirmed.

- June 1985: Because West Allis Memorial Hospital wants all its chaplains to be certified, Becker requests letter of recommendation from Archbishop Weakland. Archbishop Weakland writes to National Association of Catholic Chaplains supporting Becker's certification and stating that Becker "is a priest in good standing..." ?

- July 1990: Complaint received by Vicar about Becker's insensitive pastoral care to her son (at hospital) and alleges Becker was riding through the family's neighborhood. Mother is concerned that Becker is calling her son.

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- September 1990: Becker's term as chaplain at West Allis Memorial Hospital is renewed for an additional 6 years.

- August 1991: The parishes served by West Allis Memorial Hospital decide to replace Becker as chaplain.

- August 1992: Bishop Sklba give approval for Becker to provide weekend "help out" at St. Mary Parish in Cascade.

- September 1992: Member of St. Mary's parish, Cascade request Personnel Board to allow Becker to remain at parish.

- December 1992: Becker begins working temporarily at St. Mary's Cascade.

- July 1993: Becker unassigned with restricted ministry.

- January 1994: Becker wants to serve as temporary chaplain on a cruise, but needs a certificate of good standing from archdiocese. Archbishop Weakland is consulted because of Becker's restricted ministry. Certificate is issued.

- December 1994: Individual who sent letters in early 1983 as Becker's "friend," now notifies Archbishop Weakland that her own children were abused by Becker in the 1970s.

- February 1996: Becker sent for evaluation to the St. Louis Consultation Center. Report issued states that in absence of intervention, it is likely that patterns of problematic sexual acting out by Becker will recur. Treatment should be considered in a long-term residential facility specializing in treatment of sexual disorders.

- March 1996: Becker is referred to the Phoenix Clinic for treatment. An assessment report is issued in January 1997.

- April 1996: Becker requests permission to serve as chaplain on a cruise. No notation whether permission is granted.

- July 1996: Psychologist (Trachsel) treating Becker advises that Becker remains at risk to act out and questions whether he sould be allowed on cruises. Archdiocesan staff (Piasecki) questions whether ~~the treatment~~ Archdiocese SKt.

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should shift to counseling Becker out of priesthood. Archbishop Weakland agrees that would be the best approach.

- November 1996: Becker writes Archbishop Weakland that "my greatest desire is for reconciliation with you and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee."
- January 1997: Phoenix Clinic advises that without Becker in treatment, he remains a potential risk to act out against children.
- January 1997: monitor Tom McGuine
- April 1997: New doctor (Garndt) treating Becker advises that Becker is not cooperative and is, in fact, not treatable.
- July 1997: Becker continues to "help out" at parishes on an "as needed" basis.
- August 1999: Vicar reviews ministry restrictions with Becker, including approval for parish "help out" work, but restrictions against any other ministry, prohibiting contact with minors, and continuing therapy.
- July 2001: A claim of sexual abuse is received by Project Benjamin.
- January 6, 2002: First story about clergy sexual abuse of minors runs in the Boston Globe.
- January 2002: Becker requests approval to retain help out position at the Tri-Parishes of Rubicon, Neosho and Woodland. Vicar reminds Becker he is not eligible for assignment, but is permitted to help out on weekends.
- April 2002: Becker restricted from all public ministry, including weekend help out.
- April 2002: Allegations of sexual abuse by Franklyn Becker begin coming into the archdiocese.
- April 2002: Archbishop Weakland issues a Church ~~precept~~ order (precept) against Becker, which states Becker is to cease all public ministry, all pastoral counseling, may not hear confessions, must not contact any minors or vulnerable adults, to avoid places that have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality.

- April 2002: The Archdiocese of Milwaukee receives word from the Diocese of San Diego that a individual in California contacted them about Franklyn Becker and wants to be assured others are not at risk.

- May 2002: Becker is arrested by _____ for childhood sexual abuse.

- July 2002: Becker is advised that his name will be published by the archdiocese, along with five other priests who were not fully restricted from ministry because of sexual abuse allegations.

- August 2002: The already existing prohibitions against Becker are made permanent by now-Archbishop Timothy Dolan. Vicar tells Becker, most likely, he will not be allowed to do any public ministry ever again.

- December 2002: Archdiocese receives allegation of childhood sexual abuse against Becker and refers it to the Milwaukee County District Attorney.

- May 2003: Becker arrested on sexual assault charges in California.

- May 2003: Archbishop Dolan petitions the Holy See, asking that Becker be ~~dismissed~~ removed from the clerical state.

- Xxxxx: Becker is ~~dismissed~~ removed from the clerical state. Archbishop Dolan authorizes payment of $10,000 to Becker for transition to lay status.

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The above listing is not complete, but a summary of the more than 900 pages of documents related to Franklyn Becker.

Questions and Answers

Q: Why share this information?

A: The information ~~is~~ will be part of a lawsuit filed against the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. ~~The records of the archdiocese would likely become public when~~ and will be released to the plaintiff's attorneys. ~~Better for people to hear these reports directly from the archdiocese without the filter of the media.~~ It has been ~~the~~ a mission of the Archbishop to share all news with the Archdiocese --even when it's bad.

Q: Is this the worst of the records?

important

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A: This is a summary of more than 800 pages of records. There are always phrases and parts of documents that can be used – in ~~our~~ out of context – that make something sound new or different or worse than ~~what has been shared~~ in this newsletter. Nonetheless, we believe this is ~~an accurate~~ portrayal of the incidents ~~in~~ the files. We do not make judgments on what is "better" or "worse." Any instance of sexual misconduct and sexual abuse of a minor is ~~bad.~~

Q: What can we expect from the news media about this documents?

A: We would expect news media to treat this information as they would any other type of information considered "news." By providing a ~~full~~ chronology of events in our records, our hope is to give readers a more comprehensive view than they may be able to maintain from the news media or, because of limited space and time, the news media may be able to provide.

Q: What is the financial impact of these lawsuits

A: The ~~main~~ concern of the Church is one of pastoral and spiritual care for ~~the~~ people of the archdiocese. ~~Still~~, part of our care ~~needs to be~~ a healthy concern for ~~the financial standing of the archdiocese~~. It is too early to tell what, if any, financial impact these lawsuits will have. Certainly, simply by paying for legal representation, the lawsuits cost money. Each year, a complete financial accounting of the financial impact of the sexual abuse crisis is prepared and that information is available at www.archmil.org. In addition, annually, the archdiocese has an outside, independent financial audit and the audit results are reviewed by the archdiocesan finance council and published on our web site. For more information, contact John Marek, CFO, at 414-769-3300.

Q: What about Legislation to open the statute of limitations

A: As much as we support helping victims of sexual abuse find healing, we cannot support a proposal that repeals the statute of limitations ~~in this area.~~ The statue of limitations exists for very good reasons. Finding the truth becomes more difficult as time passes. Key physical evidence ~~can be~~ lost and personal recollections fade. ~~Sometimes~~ the accused or key witnesses ~~are dead~~. Thus, there is a long history in our legal system ~~the long history of a statue of~~ ~~limitations and its~~ importance in the American legal system. It is good law and the removal, even temporary, raises serious questions among legal scholars.

Perhaps most importantly,

~~Further~~, the costs of defending lawsuits and of any damages that might ensue from them is be born by innocent third parties, in this case Catholic parishioners, who are in no way responsible for mistakes made decades ago.

would — by other individuals

Discussed legislation would permit lawsuits against any defendant but it does not offer equal justice to every victims or survivor. State law limits the liability of government entities to $50,000 per claim. Thus a child abused by a teacher in a Catholic school could be awarded millions by a jury, while a child abused by a public school employee could collect only $50,000. And this is not speculation.

Available research reports that the ~~number~~ number of incidents of sexual abuse of children in the for longer public school system dwarfs the number of any ~~such~~ incidents involving parochial schools.

Finally, the Church has not ignored victims whose claims are barred by the statute of limitations. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has ~~reached~~ mediated settlements with over 150 survivors of abuse by clergy for whose claims were barred by the statute of limitations.

Voluntarily

We think justice is better served learning from past mistakes and using our knowledge to secure better prevention, prompt reporting of abuse and strict accountability for offenders.

Q: Recently you announced a capital campaign – how does this affect that campaign?

A: The Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign is moving forward, with pilot parishes already in "campaign mode" at 15 sites. The *Faith in Our Future Trust* has been legally established to make sure the intent and conditions of ~~you as~~ donors is respected. This *trust* is separate from the archdiocese, has obligations of its own, and can only be used for Catholic education and faith formation, not for debts of the archdiocese, the past or present expenses of the abuse crisis, or paper clips at the Cousins Center.

are followed and

Q: If you know that priests are guilty, why are you defending lawsuits? Why don't you just settle with the victims?

A: Resolution *has* been reached with nearly 160 individuals – the majority through the independent mediation system. Recognizing the need for a process outside the Church structure to address claims of sexual abuse of a minor by diocesan clergy, an independent, voluntary mediation systems was introduced in January 2004.

Q: That's great, but why defend lawsuits?

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the persons who have chosen to sue, that is a decision they have made. Once the matters are in the legal system, the process of the claim is up to the courts. As part of that process, the Archdiocese hopes the Courts require the parties to investigate out-of-court settlements as a way to resolve the cases.

A: For ~~some victims-survivors, the choice of litigation is one they have made. The offer of the independent mediation system, for whatever reason, is not seen as the best way for them to achieve resolution. No one is arguing what has happened to them as individual victims-survivors of clergy sexual abuse as minors. However, what is a just resolution for the incidents is what the victims-survivors have asked a court to decide.~~

Q: I thought victims-survivors could not sue the Church in Wisconsin.

A: That has been a myth for some time. Victims-survivors have always had the right to sue the Church. However, just like with any civil action, the window for suing the Church has been governed by a statute of limitations.

Sidebar on back panel: The Church's commitment to victims-survivors of clergy sexual abuse of a minor

Headline: TBD

If that is ordered the Archdiocese will fervently pursue that opportunity. Failing that, the Archdiocese has no option but to proceed as directed by the Courts to resolve the matter.

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As a sign of my personal commitment to transparency I have published each year since my arrival, an accountability statement that provides information & detail about the Church's response to sexual abuse of minors by priests.

- release of names
- review of files
- voluntary mediation + #'s
- audits
- financial impact
- counseling + support

As you may know, we remain opposed to legislation ...

Our settlement in Louisville brought the archdiocese to the brink of bankruptcy.

We are within much and months of finalizing the sale of our HQ to pay these obligations. Any future claims would no doubt, again, surface those very issues again. DVS

financial restrictions on open wnt.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

JERRY TOPCZEWSKI

SCRIPTURE

BECKER

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DETAILS

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781. Becker, Franklyn
On July 7, 1994, I called Franklyn Becker in response to his letter asking for a cost of living increase in his living expenses. After conversation with Wayne Schneider, it was agreed to raise it according to the percentage of salary increase 4.39%. He will receive $680.00 a month, an increase of $30.00, for living expenses. Franklyn would like all of this to be given as qualified Housing cost.

RTV

658. Franklyn Becker
On October 6, 1994 in reviewing some Log items from Sr. Kathleen of the Vicar's office I noted in #70 (September 27, 1994) that Franklyn currently helps out at Neosho and Rubicon and that he is initiating conversation to do so at St. Kilian's in Hartford as well. I believe this matter should be reviewed.

RJS

139. Becker, Franklyn
On February 21, 1995, I conferred with Dr. Piasecki about following through on some of the allegations to bring some closure to this situation. This too is at the request of the Archbishop.

CCS

296. Becker, Franklyn
On July 1, 1995, I called Fr. Becker and told him there is an allegation against him and that the Archbishop requested an evaluation and we would schedule it reasonably soon. He is planning a cruise July 7-21 but is not going as chaplain. I told him to go and we would be in touch when he returned.

CCS

104. Becker, Franklyn
On August 30, 1995, Len VanVlaenderan asked that Carrol Straub respond to Franklyn Becker's questions relative to his past and future requests for a celebret. Carrol has spoken with Franklyn.

SKS

310. Becker, Franklyn
On September 5, 1995, I called Franklyn to reconfirm that he will not be issued a current celebret because of a recent allegation. He asked me for the name of the complainant. I promised I would ask Liz. I returned his call again on September to notify him that at this time the name of the complainant could not be revealed.

CCS

393. Becker, Franklyn
On November 7, 1995 I called Franklyn Becker to arrange his meeting with Liz Piasecki on November 17th, 1995 at 6:30 P.M.

CCS

409. Becker, Franklyn
On November 21, 1995 Father Becker called to inquire whether he could have a canonist accompany him to the session with Dr. Piasecki and her SWAT Team.

CCS

20. Becker, Franklyn
On January 19, 1996 I met with Franklyn Becker. I asked him to consent to go to St. Louis for an evaluation. We plan to discontinue the interview that is being done in Dr. Piasecki's office. He agreed to go. We have set the date for February 5, 1996. I'll be with him on February 8th for the summation of his evaluation.

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St. Margaret Mary Parish

[redacted]
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53222

REV. RAYMOND E. VINT
PASTOR

[redacted]

February 16, 1980

Rev. Robert G. Sampon
345 North 95th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Bob,

I don't know whether Fr. Joe Hornacek has been in touch with you, but on the recommendation of the Personnel Board and the Archbishop I am in consultation with Dr. [redacted] I am not sure how the billing will be handled but I was informed that the Archdiocese would take care of it.

I am enclosing the billing I received today. Will you please refer it to the proper department.

Since my situation here is tentative, I do not know whether I should use the Blue Cross/Blue Shield number from St. Margaret Mary Parish or whether I will be assigned to another group.

I am grateful to you for your cooperation in seeing me through some difficult times. I believe that it was Providential that I did not get the military appointment. Hopefully with Dr. [redacted] help I will be able to reach some major life decisions.

If you need to contact me I expect to be here at least until the end of the month. My next appointment with Dr. [redacted] is scheduled for the 5th of March.

Sincerely yours,

Frank

[Rev.] Franklyn W. Becker

Enc. Bill

V.B. bill for #55 submitted w/this letter.

AOM-BEC 00103

ADOM027070

March 29, 1983

Rev. Joseph Janicki
2462 N. Prospect
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Dear Father Janicki,

In your last conversation with me a week or so ago, you were concerned about Lyn Becker's continued involvement with the boy from Fox Point. At that time I told you I was certain Lyn had not made any effort to contact him and I really thought that particular door was closed. I was wrong. As a result I decided to drop you a note to give you an update. Over the week-end I talked to the mother and she informed me that her son had received another letter from Lyn last week, ostensibly to congratulate him on his performance in his school's class play. If it had stopped at that, I'm sure the mother would not have objected. What irritated her was the fact that the letter was mostly a recitation of the 'good life' he is leading---Le Club, trip to Chicago to see 42nd Street, dinner invitations, etc. What most upset her, however, was that he expressed a real desire to get this boy together with his roommate and himself, as they all (to quote Lyn) share common interests. This mother (a [redacted] is trying desperately to get this son's value system straightened out through the help of the priests at Marquette High and through professional counseling. She does not feel that she, her son, or the rest of her family need any further contact with Lyn and/or [redacted] his roommate, at this point.

I decided to write you as I think this latest effort on Lyn's part to re-establish contact with this boy is most distrubing. It is just one more indication of his continued persistence in thumbing his nose at anyone who is going to get in his way at this point. Past history shows that, as his options become less and less and his maneuvering space smaller and smaller, he becomes more and more capable of some pretty devious, irrational acts. I hope it doesn't happen this time around.

In a brief conversation I had with him over the week-end, he said he was going to see a Dr. [redacted] this week. He did not indicate to me any resentment or resistence to the idea. That's one optimistic note.

I would like to reiterate my concern for Lyn as a person and as a priest. There is much good there if it can ever be channeled properly. However, I, like you, am beginning to feel somewhat pessimistic over his future. There does not appear to be the faintest glimmer of any self-awareness of the position he's in right now. This is depressing. I wish there were some magic answers.

Peace...

[redacted]

AOM-BEC 00157

Status Report .
February 8, 2005

Mr. Franklyn Becker
Person L#1

On Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 8:10 PM I called Franklyn Becker at his residence.

I told him I was calling as promised to relay some information that he had requested I check into. I stated I didn't have good news to offer.

First, I said that the $10,000.00 check that we, Fr. Curt Frederick and I, had given him was in fact income and that he would be receiving a form 1099 shortly. He said that he had gotten it in the mail. I further advised him that no income taxes, either state or federal, had been withheld. He would have to claim the income and pay the taxes.

He said that he figured this when he got the 1099 form. But he was hoping there was some way to get a break on claiming it.

Secondly, I advised him that the archbishop was not going to pay for his health insurance, either directly or by making some kind of financial arrangement. I explained that this decision was based on a very recent case stemming out of Nashville. A former priest, now laicized committed another offense of sexual misconduct. The victim filed a lawsuit against the diocese. The diocese claimed that they had no responsibility since the man had been laicized. However, the court ruled against the diocese because the diocese continued to pay for the man's health insurance even after he was laicized.

Mr. Becker was not aware of the case. He was not happy and made a comment about the archbishop just getting rid of him and not caring for or about him.

He also made one of his statements about contacting the press or somebody because of all he knows.

I said he knew he wasn't going to do this. What purpose would it serve? The press wasn't going to give him insurance nor would they even give him much of a check for the information for a story.

He admitted he knew this but feels so abandoned.

He asked about [redacted] saying that he heard that he was the next one to be laicized.

I asked him where he heard this and he couldn't or wouldn't give an answer indicating it was just something he heard. I said this was just a rumor as I had heard it also. I told him not to believe everything he hears from the "grapevine".

Thirdly, I asked him if someone had contacted him from Catholic Charities?

He said that he had. He is working with a man form there but the man basically told him there didn't appear to be much he could do at this time because Franklyn had looked into almost everything that is out there. He might have to liquidate the meager assets that he has to qualify for some type of welfare health benefits. The man, name unknown, is doing some more checking and said he would get back to Franklyn.

Franklyn is hoping that there is something out there so he can get insurance or he may just have to exist without any insurance. He is not very hopeful that the man will find anything.

I said that I would keep in touch and if I heard of anything would certainly call him.

Respectfully submitted,
Deacon David L. Zimprich
February 9, 2005

Status report
February 2, 2005

Mr. Franklyn Becker
Person L # 1

On Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at 11: 25 AM I met Mr. Franklyn Becker at Spinnaker's Restaurant located in Oconomowoc.

We discussed a number of issues during our time together.

He is extremely concerned about not having any health insurance. He said that he had called someone in State government. He asked about applying for a disability and was told he didn't qualify. He asked about some type of welfare or governmental health insurance and was told that he didn't qualify either because he was too young, too old, or had too high an income.

I asked if he had spoken to anyone in Catholic Charities. He previously mentioned he was going to call the Fond-du-Lac office. He said that since he lives in Dodge County he had to call the Beaver Dam office. He said he had done so and had spoken to someone, name unknown, who had taken some information. He has not heard back from this person. He didn't remember exactly how long ago he had called.

I said that I had spoken to Diane Knight the Executive Director of Catholic Charities about his situation. She was quite sure he would qualify for some type of health coverage under some type of assistance program. I said I would contact her and let her know that he had called someone at the Beaver Dam office. I would ask her to call and assign someone who knows the system inside and out to his case. I would ask that the person call him in the morning before 10:30 AM or in the latter afternoon or evening. I would further ask that this person be instructed to call Diane and/or myself back to let us know what, if anything was done for him.

He said he had called his dentist recently to ascertain how much a routine visit would cost since he has no dental insurance. He was told $60.00 for a cleaning and $91.00 if he saw the dentist. He scheduled an appointment with the hygienist for a cleaning.

He is still trying to find someone to buy his car or to assume his lease payments. He spoke to the car dealer where he got the car to see if he could get out of the lease and was told that he could not.

He asked if there had been any change with his compensation. I said that I tried to see the archbishop after receiving his letter dated January 21 but found out he was in Miami on vacation. I said that I would have an answer for him by Monday or Tuesday next week at the latest.

He said that he had applied for several jobs. He had gone to a state job facility to seek assistance. He never saw a person. He was directed to a computer and told to enter his information. He was then told he should go to a library or use his home computer, he doesn't have one, to access the system each day to see if there are any jobs he wanted to send his resume to. He can't believe they wouldn't have people to help you.

He has checked the computer for several days but hasn't found anything. He questions his applying for any position anyway because of his age, 67 years, and his past history. An employer can go on line and find out about his past. It probably even says that he has been laicized.

I told him I knew the archdiocese wasn't advertising that he had been laicized and unless he told people I didn't believe it was out there on the internet.

He said he would really like to work in a library but because of his involvement with kids that will probably never happen. He has applied at several grocery stores and other places but hasn't heard back as of yet. He is not hopeful.

He said that he had started to get things ready to take his taxes in. He asked whether or not he had to claim the $10,000.00 settlement Fr. Curt (Frederick) and I had given him when we met with him? Is this income or a settlement like insurance or what? I said that I thought he was

going to have to claim it. He asked it taxes had been withheld from the $10,000.00. I said that I didn't now but would check and let him know the answers to the above questions.

I asked what his days looked like. He said that he gets up and leaves the house around 10:45 AM to go to the library to check the jobs postings. Then he submits resumes. He is usually home in the afternoon after lunch. He goes to a senior meal program for his big meal, lunch, almost everyday. He has to sign up ahead of time. They only ask for a donation. Currently they are asking for $2.20 per day. For breakfast he has a piece of fruit and for dinner he has a can of Slim-Fast and a few crackers. He said he should be losing weight but doesn't even eating that small amount. But he said he is satisfied. He never was a real big eater.

He said when he was in Florida in December and January he saw several priests. One was Don Peters. He said they went to Epcot at Disney World. He said Don and his sister love it there. She plays the organ there for Mass sometimes. He said Don is having trouble doing a lot of walking and rented an electric scooter. Don said that when he gets back to Wisconsin he will have to look into getting one because of the difficulty he has walking.

Mr. Becker asked numerous times why one priest got laicized and another didn't? Who made the decision? What was the reasoning for one to get laicized and one not to.

I said I wasn't privy to these decisions but thought they might have been based on age, health and individual cases. He bemoaned the fact that the archbishop never once sat down with him and told him anything, nor did he answer any of his questions. He was never given a chance to defend himself. His case was just sent over to Rome.

He asked about several other cases. I was non-committal. He did know I had met with [redacted] and wondered why he had been laicized and if [redacted] would be laicized. [redacted]

I asked about his brother in Muncie. He said they speak on the telephone periodically. His brother and sister-in-law are doing some housework and then are going on a cruise for their 40th wedding anniversary.

He said he missed going on cruises but brought up some priest from California that used to schedule priests for cruises stating he was arrested and taken off a cruise liner during a cruise because of an allegation. That coupled with all the sickness that has been reported lately on cruises, he doesn't know if he would want to go on one again. This California priest was the same one that he sued to book cruises through.

I asked if he had been walking or exercising. He said that he had not. I told him that we both needed to do so.

On Wednesday, February 2 at 1:05 PM I called Diane Knight and left a detailed message on her answering machine regarding Mr. Becker and the assignment of someone knowledgeable to his case. I will also follow-up regarding his tax question.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon David L. Zimprich

316. Franklyn Becker
October 25, 2004 Dr. [redacted] phoned to say that he tested Fr. Becker today. They spoke regarding his ongoing therapy. He recommends that Fr. Becker's therapy be reduced to monthly sessions. He notes Fr. as being narcissistic, angry, oephebaphile. He needs monitoring. Dr. [redacted] will send a written report to Dave Zimprich.

CJF

536. Franklyn Becker
On November 19, 2004, I learned that a Decree of Laicization had been granted in an audience with the Holy Father on October 15, 2004. It was agreed that some further discussion and consultation would occur prior to delivering the decree to Father Becker directly.

RJS

PRIESTS' PENSION PLAN

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APPLICATION FOR PENSION BENEFITS
With/without Retirement

Name: Franklyn W. Becker

Address: [redacted]

Mayville WI 53050

Present Assignment: none

Date of Birth: 07/15/37 **Current Age:** (at 7/31/05): 68

Date of Ordination: 05/30/64

Social Security #: [redacted] **Medicare #:**

☒ Pension Benefits permitted at age 68: Effective Date: 07/31/05

☐ Pension Benefits with Retirement: Effective Date:

IF RETIRING, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION:

Address after Retirement: same as above

Telephone after Retirement: [redacted]

Franklyn W. Becker
Signature

3/01/05
Date

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

February 24, 2005

Mr. Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Mayville WI 53050

Dear Franklyn,

I am writing in response to your letter dated February 15, 2004 (actually 2005) in which you request paperwork in advance of your 68th birthday in July 2005 for the Archdiocesan Pension you will be eligible to receive effective on July 31, 2005.

Enclosed are: the Pension application, the Notice of Withholding form, and the Application for Direct Deposit which need to be completed by you prior to July 31, 2005. Regarding the application for Direct Deposit (ETF) –complete the top portion of the form and ask your bank to complete the bottom portion before you return the form to me. Please return the completed items to me.

PENSION

The first pension check is issued at the end of the month FOLLOWING the last day of the month of your eligibility. Therefore your first check should be expected August 31, 2005. Direct deposit begins the month after you receive your first check.

It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to send notification of any future changes of your address to the Pension Department.

Effective January 1, 1997 the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Priests' Pension Plan (VI 6.4) was amended to provide that up to 100% of your pension benefit may be designated as rental or housing allowance and therefore not taxable. Please be advised, however, that the amount you exclude from income may not exceed the amount actually used to rent or provide a home. For example, if your annual pension totaled $15,000 but your actual rent or cost of providing housing was only $8,700, then only $8,700 would be excluded from taxable income. The balance of $6,300 would be included in income on your Federal form 1040. Wisconsin Statute 71.05, which lists modifications to Federal adjusted income, also allows this tax treatment.

In the future, if you have questions about this pension benefit, please contact the Finance Office (Kim: 414-769-3326).

Sincerely,

S Kathleen

Sister Kathleen Schweihs, CSA
Administrative Assistant
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DATE: 12-14-04 PAYEE: Franklyn W. Becker CHECK #: 40487

DATE	DESCRIPTION	MATTER #	AMOUNT
12/14/04	Check to Franklyn W. Becker	130031.30108	$ 10,000.00

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NAME: Franklyn Becker

ORDINATION: 1964

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY:

Curate – Holy Assumption Parish (West Allis, WI) – July 1, 1964
Associate Pastor – St. John de Nepomuc Parish (Milwaukee) – September 9, 1968
Associate Pastor – Holy Family Parish (Whitefish Bay, WI) – February 25, 1972
Associate Pastor – St. William Parish (Waukesha, WI) – June 18, 1974
Campus Minister–Marshall University (Wheeling-Charleston Diocese)– January 16, 1975
Campus Minister – St. Louis University (Archdiocese of St. Louis) – August 1, 1976
Awaiting Assignment – October 3, 1976
Permission to accept assignment in Diocese of San Diego – May 27, 1977
Associate Pastor – St. Brigid Parish (Diocese of San Diego) – June 24, 1977
Return to Milwaukee – March 1979
Associate Pastor – St. Margaret Mary Parish (Milwaukee) – August 1, 1979
Administrator – St. Joseph Parish (Lyons, WI) – July 1, 1980
Associate Pastor – St. Eugene Parish (Fox Point, WI) – August 12, 1980
Associate Pastor – St. John Parish (South Milwaukee, WI) – December 9, 1980
Sick Leave – January 25, 1983
Clinical Pastoral Education– St. Joseph Hospital (Milwaukee)–September 1, 1983
Awaiting Assignment – January 1, 1984
Chaplain – West Allis Memorial Hospital (West Allis, WI) – November 6, 1984
Awaiting Assignment – October 1, 1990
Unassigned with restricted ministry – July 1, 1993
Restricted from all public ministry – April 2002
Dismissed from the clerical state December 2004

September 1, 1995 a three-person team of psychological and criminal experts was established to explore allegations that had arisen. The accused was informed of his canonical rights and signed a document on November 15, 1995, attesting to the fact that he was informed of his rights and understood them. In the interviews with this investigative team, the accused admitted not only some of the alleged incidents but also factually described and admitted to multiple others. These admissions were supported by various letters and entries in his personnel file.

CURRENT MEDIATION CASE:

DATE OF ACCUSATION: June 17, 2002
DATE OF ALLEGED ACT(S): 1966-1969
AGE AT TIME: 13
NATURE OF THE OFFENSE: oral sex; taking lewd photographs of the boy (3 x)
SURROUNDING EVENTS: B2 was associate pastor at the victim's parish

CURRENT STATUS OF B2:

He was dismissed from the clerical state ("defrocked") by an act of the Pope. Law enforcement officials in the locale where he is living have been informed of his presence in the community. His name is posted to our website as a substantiated sex offender. DA has reviewed the files for us to see if any cases can be prosecuted. He has found none. B2 was arrested for sexual abuse of a minor out of state and was awaiting extradition when the U.S. Supreme Court declared that retroactive prosecution of cases outside the criminal statute of limitations was unconstitutional.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

July 8, 2004

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

In line with the assurances given in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, I have authorized the release of the names of priests who are now or would have been restricted from all priestly ministries. These men can not celebrate the sacraments publicly or represent themselves as priests in any way.

This action will bring with it additional publicity. My concern is that the *publicity may bring you, personally, additional anxiety, stress or other* difficulties. If you need to talk to someone, please do so. If you would like to contact our office for Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Services, please call 414-769-3436.

What happened to you was not your fault and should never have happened. For that, I apologize in the name of the Church. I hope our actions as a Church in the *Archdiocese of Milwaukee and my actions as archbishop continue to provide for* healing. Please know you remain in my prayers.

Faithfully in Christ,

+ Timothy M. Dolan

The Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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CHANCERY

February 19, 2004

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Please allow me to continue to update you about developments that may concern you.

On February 27, 2004 the findings of the "John Jay Study" will be released. This study was commissioned by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at their Dallas meeting in June, 2002. John Jay College of Criminal Justice conducted a survey, and this report will include cumulative numbers from dioceses across the United States who reported on their individual numbers since 1950.

Naturally you will be interested in this news story because of its personal dimensions for you, but many victim/survivors have also let me know how extensive media coverage of clergy sexual abuse causes intense personal disruption and setbacks. In addition to a "heads up" about the turmoil you may face, let me make a few suggestions about how you might manage this time period.

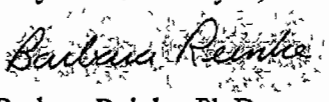
- Be in charge of your media doses, rather than let it control you. Choose when and where and how much exposure you want. Turn off the TV or radio and put away the newspaper, as needed. Let people know if you don't want to talk about it now.
- Turn to people who offer you genuine caring and support. Distinguish these from the people who have another interest or purpose in talking to you about your personal relationship to the topic. Remember that you have choices about whether you publicly identify yourself as a victim. Talk with people with whom you feel "safe."
- Consider making an appointment with your therapist if you don't already have one. If you have not taken advantage of our offer to assist financially with psychotherapy, but would like to do so, please contact me. There are also support groups that focus on the healing needs of sexual abuse survivors, for which I can provide information. You are welcome to turn to me as a support person as well.

Previously we informed you that a new mediation program, independent of the Archdiocese, was forthcoming. The Clergy Sexual Abuse Mediation System is designed to resolve disputes for those who have been sexually abused by Catholic clergy, with the goal of healing, restoration and closure. If you are not already registered to participate in mediation, you may do so by calling 414-302-9215 or 1-866-302-9215. The last date for requesting mediation if you choose to seek resolution.

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I pray and hope that your journey as a survivor of clergy sexual abuse starts to become easier. For the Catholic Church it is a necessary time of public accountability in order to be responsible for what happened in the past, to change the culture and ways of operating in the present, and to practice prevention in the future. As we have said before, no words or actions erase the burden you have borne as a result of this issue.

May God be with you,



Barbara Reinke, Ph.D.
Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

COPY

January 1, 2004

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

I write to you because you have experienced, firsthand, the pain caused by sexual abuse within the Church, and you courageously reported the abuse to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. No words can apologize sufficiently for your experience, but I will continue to try by saying again how sorry I am. Knowing that no remedies can adequately address the harm done, I still want to make you aware of a variety of services available to you and intended to assist in your healing.

Dispute resolution services to address your unique needs for recovery will become available in mid-January. Eva Soeka, a nationally known expert in dispute resolution systems, is creating a process independent of the Church that will make use of the best mediators in the area. I continue to believe that this initiative represents the best way for us to meet together about your situation and provide assistance. More details and information about how to enter into this process will be available in mid-January. At this time, I ask you to start considering if this might be the right next step for you.

Catholic Charities is also offering a new support group in Milwaukee for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. This group will offer a faith-based perspective, and is meant to supplement other support groups available in the area. A flyer is enclosed.

Financial assistance with psychotherapy also remains available. To access this, or for other questions about our services, please contact Dr. Barbara Reinke in our office for Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Services (414-769-3436 or reinkeb@archmil.org). Also enclosed is a brochure about our policies and procedures when a report is made.

I continue to meet privately with those victim-survivors who find that helpful. Please contact me at 414-769-3496 if you would like to arrange such a meeting. We have also arranged for several priests, sisters and lay ministers, who are professionally-trained in providing spiritual direction, to be available. If you would like to speak with one of them, please contact Barbara Anne Cusack, my delegate for sexual abuse issues, at 414-769-3341.

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It is also important for me to communicate with you about our efforts to prevent clergy sexual abuse in the future. Our *Code of Ethics* makes it clear that no such behavior is to be tolerated within ministry. Our *Mandatory Reporting Responsibility* policy specifies that any employee or volunteer working in our parishes and schools must report any suspicion of abuse. In addition, all adult staff, and volunteers who work with children are required to participate in training to enhance awareness of childhood sexual abuse.

One final thing: if you would prefer not to have further contact from me or from any Church representative, please let us know using the enclosed return letter and pre-stamped envelope.

Much more remains to be done, and we welcome your suggestions. You can use the enclosed response letter and envelope for that purpose as well.

Please know that I am concerned about you and I pray for you. I apologize for the past misdeeds and wish to restore your wholeness as best we can.

Faithfully in Christ,

+ Timothy M. Dolan

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee

MOST REV. TIMOTHY M. DOLAN

JUL 30 2008

July 25, 2008

Dear Archbishop Dolan,

My name is [redacted] I am one of "Becker"s Boys". I graduated from Holy Assumption Grade school in 1963. The abuse that I was a victim of began before I graduated. I was 13. It started in the confessional. I was a good Catholic boy, then. I was always confessing masturbation in fear of the fire and brimstone the nuns taught us in Holy Assumption.

I was in the confessional and confessing my sins to Becker. He asked if I would feel better if he told me he masturbated too. I was 13. I didn't give a thought to what the priests did sexually. Or anyone for that matter. I was shocked. He(Becker), said I should come to his personal quarters at the rectory to discuss the "problem" I was having. We set up a time and date.

I have areas of time that I am missing during the three years that man abused me. Three years of my life. Years he was not in titled to have. I felt that no one would listen to a kid's word against a priest's. I was the youngest of [redacted] Mom and Dad were busy and very involved in the church. They were trilled that"Father" took an interest in their son and took him on trips. We did a trip [redacted] and to his cousins in Steven's point. No one thought twice about Father and the boy sleeping together. I couldn't believe they were not stopping him. Toward the beginning of all this, he was to be a counselor at a camp and took me along. Of course the cabin had only one bed! He danced slow with me and told me their were bars where guys danced together. Next scene is on the bed. He had already ejaculated when were dancing. I only knew because he had told me. I remember being on the bed and him playing with my penis. I remember saying to him that if I didn't have one of these (penis) that he would not even be around. There are plenty of stories I remember. There are also areas where there is no memory at all. That is a first for me.

[redacted] and a recovering Catholic. My older sister sent me news clippings of what was going on with Becker. I debated, for many years, as to what to do. I finally saw all these guys coming forward and I had to speak up. I felt that the numbers had to be shown, for the church to realize the damage this man has done.

I am going to be in Milwaukee the first weekend in August. I would like an opportunity to speak with you about this matter. I will not hold all this inside anymore. It is always there. Just around the corner from my other thoughts-but there just the same. I was told that the psychiatrist we were all sent to had a job to do. His job was to convince us that it was our fault. Do you know, I carried that feeling around up until two years ago. I am now [redacted] years old. That is [redacted] years-I'll do the math for you. My childhood ended abruptly because of Becker. My adolescence was horrific. Counselor after counselor I have been to. Why was he allowed to continue? How could the church let this happen? So many boy's lifes ruined. You can bet that those of us that come forward are only the tip of Becker's ice burg. And may he live a long, long life.

He came to my parent's home. He told them of similar activities happening with myself and another priest. The other priest seemed to be the lesser of two evils. I told my parents, while he(Becker) was there, that he was in their home for one reason. He is jealous. He has been doing the same thing for three years. I went to my room and would not talk about it to them. I never did. They knew enough from Becker to go to the archbishop. They were not granted an audience! Mom was involved in Christian Mothers, she worked in the church office with out pay, and Dad in Holy Name. I was a reader at the church. My parents kept their faith in the church until they died. I am glad they did. I could not. If I never see the inside of a confessional it will be too soon.

This is only part of my story. It is still, after [redacted] years a very tough one to write or talk about. I have been talking to a few close friends about it, to be able to speak clearly to you about all of this. I do hope you will grant me an audience. If that Monday, August 4th is available I would appreciate you saving me an extra trip to Milwaukee.

One last thing. [redacted] She was in her final days. Becker had the nerve to go into her room and ask my Dad if he could give her his blessing. My Dad said, "I am not your judge. We need all the help we can get." Becker told my Dad to have me call him when I come into town. The man is unreal! I saw him at the hospital but he did not see me. I wanted to chase after him and tell him to stay away from my family. I began to do just that. Then I stopped. This time wasn't his. It was my Mom's. I would only have caused more turmoil than they needed. How dare he!

I will stop now. I am enclosing my home number and my cell number.

[redacted]

Please feel free to leave any message at all. I am now very open about all this. I am grateful that my family has been so supportive of my actions as well.
I look forward to meeting with you and for your phone call. Sincerely, [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Amy Peterson

From: Kathleen Hohl [HohlK@archmil.org]
Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 6:55 PM
To: petersona@archmil.org
Cc: Barbara Anne Cusack
Subject: FW: One of Becker's Boys

I read this message from vacation and do not feel properly equipped to respond.

KATHLEEN

From: [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2008 8:59 PM
To: hohlk@archmil.org
Subject: One of Becker's Boys

I believe the records of Becker's behavior are incomplete and I suspect I know why. I was abused by Becker, begining the spring of 1963 at Holy Assumption Parish, West Allis ,WI. It continued for three years, off and on. My parents found out, by Becker's admission, that I was being abused by him. (Long story).
[redacted] What the church said was, well gospel at our house. After they were made aware of the situation, ,they went either to the Bishop or Archbishop. They would not be granted an audience. The man's secretary kept them at bay, knowing why they were there. Therefore no report. Do you think I felt I would have an ear, bringing this up to the bishop, or even the nuns at school. I was a kid-13 years old. Who will take my word, if they won't even talk to my parents

Therefore, when I read how Becker's abuse started in 1970, I am appalled. So what was I? Just some kid he was practicing on; therefore I didn't count.
I hope you all sleep well tonight. I have many sleepless nights over this-over the years. And now I still will, since there is no record that, maybe Fr. Rose could've fill out. Hardly.
I am most sincere, [redacted]
P.S. my email is [redacted] Not for Becker's eyes.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

DEPARTMENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

May 14, 2002

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has decided to turn over all complaints about sexual abuse, no matter how old, to the District Attorney's office, and E. Michael McCann has agreed that his office will review all cases relevant to Milwaukee County. Because you recently made a report about sexual abuse, I am informing you that I will be forwarding this report to the District Attorney. If you have concerns about this, please notify me by May 24, or I will assume your report can go forward.

Thank-you for contacting Project Benjamin about the problem you encountered. On behalf of the Archdiocese, I am truly sorry this happened to you. We would like to assist your healing in whatever way we can.

You are always welcome to contact me at 414-769-3436.

Sincerely,

Barbara Reinke

Barbara Reinke, Ph.D.
Director, Project Benjamin

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April 30, 2008

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter in which you shared the story of abuse that occurred when you were a student at Holy Assumption Parish. First, let me thank you for your courage to report what happened and, then let me say that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is very committed to assisting those who have been sexually abused by church personnel.

In my many meetings with survivors of sexual abuse, I have learned that the journey towards some resolution is painful and can seem unbearable at times. However, there is great hope for healing and to that end, the archdiocese has created an office that has a full time Victim Assistance Coordinator who is available to assist you with your own healing journey. Her name is Amy Peterson and her number is 414-758-2232. Her email address is petersona@archmil.org.

Your letter to me was a brave first step in moving forward, please contact Amy and she will assist you as you continue on your journey. I would also be happy to meet with you as you have requested. Amy will assist you in scheduling an appointment with me.

I am sorry you have suffered and continue to struggle emotionally and spiritually. My hope and prayer for you is that you will contact Amy Peterson and begin to find the support you deserve and need.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

+ Timothy M. Dolan

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Palazzo del S. Uffizio

20 October 2003

PROT N. 348/03 - 17919
(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

CONFIDENTIAL

Your Excellency,

This Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has received the documentation in the case of the **Reverend Franklyn William BECKER**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, who has been accused of multiple acts of sexual abuse of minors, and for whom Your Excellency is requesting the dismissal from the clerical state *ex officio et in poenam.*

After a careful study of the case, it is quite obvious that the nature and gravity of his past offences and the good of the Church would require a more cogent sign of penance from Fr. Becker. It is therefore the mind of this Congregation to ask Your Excellency kindly to enquire whether the said priest is willing to ask for laicisation, voluntarily seeking to be allowed to withdraw from the clerical state, as a sign of his heartfelt contrition. If Fr. Becker were to refuse this invitation, then it is the intention of this Congregation to submit his case directly to the Holy Father for a *dimissio ex officio e statu clericali una cum dispensatione ab omnibus oneribus sacerdotalibus.*

I take this occasion to express my sentiments of respect and esteem. I remain,

Yours devotedly in the Lord,

✠ Angelo Amato, SDB
Titular Archbishop of Sila
Secretary

His Excellency
The Most Reverend **Timothy M. DOLAN**
Archbishop of Milwaukee
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CHANCERY

December 1, 2003

Most Reverend Gabriel Montalvo
Apostolic Nunciature
3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008-3687

Your Excellency:

Archbishop Dolan has asked that I send you the enclosed correspondence to Archbishop Amato for transmission by diplomatic pouch. The matter addressed in this correspondence pertains to the Congregation's request for follow-up information on materials previously sent to the Congregation.

Once again, we are grateful to you for your kindness.

With every best wish for you and your ministry of service, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Barbara Anne Cusack
Chancellor

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December 6, 2003

Personal and Confidential

Dear Ms. Cusack:

I write to acknowledge your letter of December 1, 2003, with its enclosure addressed to His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, regarding the case of **The Reverend Franklyn William Becker (Congregation's Prot. N. 348/03-17919).**

Please be assured that the above-referenced correspondence will be duly transmitted to Cardinal Ratzinger.

With prayerful and cordial best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gabriel Montalvo

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo
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Palazzo del S Uffizio

28 October 2004

PROT N 348/03 - 19853
(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

CONFIDENTIAL

Your Excellency,

I write with regard to the case of the **Reverend Franklyn William BECKER**, a priest of your Archdiocese, who has been accused of multiple acts of sexual abuse of minors and concerning whom Your Excellency has requested dismissal from the clerical state *ex officio et in poenam*.

This Dicastery, on receipt of notification that the cleric has refused to seek voluntary laicization as suggested by this Congregation as a sign of repentance, has decided to support Your Excellency's request that the above-mentioned priest be dismissed *ex officio et in poenam* from the clerical state.

In an audience granted to His Eminence Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, Prefect of this Dicastery, on 15 October 2004 the Supreme Pontiff decreed that the Reverend Franklin William Becker is dismissed *ex officio et in poenam* from the clerical state, and is, moreover, released from all obligations of the Sacred Priesthood, including that of celibacy. Any censures, under which he may be labouring, are remitted by this decree.

Your Excellency is asked kindly to inform Fr. Becker of this grave decision according to paragraph 7 of the enclosed decree. A signed and notarized copy of the decree should be returned to this Dicastery at your earliest convenience.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere respects and I remain,

Yours devotedly in the Lord,

✠ Angelo Amato, SDB
Titular Archbishop of Sila
Secretary

(Enclosures)

His Excellency
The Most Reverend **Timothy M. DOLAN**
Archbishop of Milwaukee
Office of the Archbishop
3501 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912, U.S.A.

CONGREGATIO PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

(Dimissio e statu clericali ac dispensatio ab oneribus)

Prot. N. 348/03

Milvaukiensis

D.nus **Franklyn William BECKER**

Die 15 m. Octobris a. 2004

Summus Pontifex Ioannes Paulus, Papa II

audita relatione Em.mi Cardinalis Praefecti huius Congregationis circa gravem agendi rationem supradicti presbyteri dioecesis Milvaukiensis (v.d. Milwaukee, U.S.A.), praemissis praemittendis, suprema atque inappellabili decisione nullique recursui obnoxia,

decrevit

poenam dimissionis dicto presbytero irrogandam esse.

Eidem presbytero etiam dispensationem concedit ab omnibus oneribus sacrae Ordinationi conexis iuxta sequentes rationes.

1. Dimissio ac dispensatio vim habent ab ipso momento decisionis Romani Pontificis.

2. Dimissionis ac dispensationis Decretum presbytero a competenti Ordinario loci notificetur, cui numquam fas est duo illa elementa seiungere. Idemque insuper secumfert absolutionem a censuris, quatenus opus sit.

3. Notitia dimissionis ac dispensationis adnotetur in Libris baptizatorum paroeciae praedicti presbyteri.

4. Quod attinet si casus ferat, ad celebrationem canonici matrimonii, applicandae sunt normae quae in Codice Iuris Canonici statuuntur. Ordinarius vero curet ut res caute peragantur sine exteriore apparatu.

5. Auctoritas ecclesiastica, cui spectat Decretum praefato sacerdoti notificare, hunc enixe hortetur, ut vitam Populi Dei, ratione congruendi cum nova eius vivendi condicione, participet, aedificationem praestet et ita probum Ecclesiae filium se exhibeat. Simul autem eidem notum faciat ea quae sequuntur:

a) presbyter dimissus eo ipso amittit iura statui clericali propria, dignitates et officia ecclesiastica; ceteris obligationibus cum statu clericali conexis non amplius adstringitur;

b) exclusus manet ab exercitio sacri ministerii, iis exceptis de quibus in can. 976 et 986 § 2 CJC ac propterea nequit homiliam habere, nec potest officium gerere directivum in ambitu pastorali neve munere administratoris paroecialis fungi;
c) item nullum munus absolvere potest in Seminariis et in Institutis aequiparatis. In aliis Institutis studiorum gradus superioris, quae quocumque modo dependent ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica, munere directivo vel officio docendi fungi nequit;
d) in aliis vero Institutis studiorum gradus superioris ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica non dependentibus nullam theologicam disciplinam tradere potest;
e) in Institutis autem studiorum gradus inferioris dependentibus ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica, munere directivo vel officio docendi fungi nequit. Eadem lege tenetur presbyter dimissus ac dispensatus in tradenda Religione in Institutis eiusdem generis non dependentibus ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica.

6. Ordinarius curet ne presbyter dimissus, propter defectum debitae prudentiae, fidelibus scandalum praebeat. Haec pastoralis sollicitudo Ordinarium a fortiori gravissime urget si adest periculum quamvis remotum minoribus abutendi.

7. Notificatio dimissionis et dispensationis fieri potest vel personaliter per notarium aut ecclesiasticum actuarium vel per «epistulas perscriptas» (*raccomandata, certificada, enregistrée, registered, Einschreiben*). Sacerdos dimissus unum exemplar restituere debet rite subsignatum ad fidem receptionis et acceptionis eiusdem dimissionis ac dispensationis ac simul etiam praeceptorum, quod si non faciat integer manet effectus huius Decreti.

8. Tempore autem opportuno, Ordinarius competens breviter ad Congregationem de peracta notificatione referat, et si qua tandem fidelium admiratio adsit, prudenti explicatione provideat.

Contrariis quibuscumque minime obstantibus.

Ex Aedibus Congregationis, die 15 m. Octobris a. 2004

✠ Josephus Card. Ratzinger

Josephus Card. RATZINGER
Praefectus

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✠ Angelus AMATO, S.D.B.
Archiep. titularis Silensis
a Secretis

Dies notificationis 6 XII 2004

Subsignatio Presbyteri in signum acceptionis

✠ Thomas Chy h. Wehrman

Subsignatio Ordinarii

LAICIZATION RESCRIPT - UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Prot. N.: 348/03

Milwaukee

Father Franklyn William Becker

October 15, 2004

The Supreme Pontiff Pope John Paul, II

having heard the opinion of his Eminence the Cardinal Prefect of this Congregation concerning the serious actions of the above named presbyter of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (Milwaukee, USA), with the proper documentation having been sent and finding this final decision to be beyond appeal and not subject to recourse,

has decreed

that the penalty of dismissal from the presbyterate be imposed.

This same presbyter is also granted a dispensation from all of the obligations connected with sacred Orders in accord with the following consideration:

1. The dismissal and dispensation take effect at the very moment of the decision of the Roman Pontiff.

2. The decree of dismissal and dispensation are to be communicated to the presbyter by the competent Ordinary and no one has the right to separate those two elements. Indeed, further, it carries with it, insofar as it is necessary, absolution from censures.

3. Notice of the granting of the dismissal and dispensation is to be inscribed in the baptismal register of the aforementioned presbyter's parish.

4. With regard to the celebration of a canonical marriage, the norms set down in The Code of Canon Law must be applied. The Ordinary, however, should take care that the matter be discreetly handled without pomp or external display.

5. The ecclesiastical authority, to whom it belongs to notify the priest, should earnestly exhort him to take part in the life of the People of God, in a manner consonant with his new mode of living, to give edification, and thus to show himself a most loving son of the Church. At the same time, however, he should be informed of the following points:

 a) the dismissed presbyter automatically loses the rights proper to the clerical state, as well as ecclesiastical dignities and offices; he is no longer bound by the other obligations connected with the clerical state;

 b) he remains excluded from the exercise of the sacred ministry, with the exception of those functions mentioned in canons 976 and 986, §2, and, as a result, he may not give a homily nor is he able to hold a directive office in the pastoral field nor to exercise the function of parochial administrator;

c) similarly, he may not discharge any function in seminaries and in equivalent institutions. In other institutions of higher studies, which are in any way whatever dependent upon ecclesiastical authority, he may not exercise a directive function;

d) in those institutions of higher studies which are not dependent upon ecclesiastical authority, he may not teach any discipline which is properly theological or closely connected with the same;

e) in institutions of lower studies, which are dependent upon ecclesiastical authority, he may not exercise the function of teaching a discipline which is properly theological. A dismissed and dispensed presbyter is held by the same rule in teaching Religion in an institution of the same kind not dependent upon ecclesiastical authority.

6. The Ordinary of the dismissed presbyter, in keeping with required prudence, must care that scandal not be given to the faithful. This pastoral care of the Ordinary is most important if a danger of even a minor abuse, although remote, is at hand.

7. Notification of the dismissal and dispensation can be made either personally or through an ecclesiastical notary or through registered mail. The dismissed priest ought to retain a copy sign his receptions and acceptance of this dismissal and dispensation and also its regulations, but if he does not it does not impede the effect of this decree.

8. At an opportune time, the Ordinary is to send a brief report to the Congregation on his completion of the notification, and, if there is any wonderment on the part of the faithful he is to provide a prudent explanation.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the Offices of the Congregation, the 15th day of October, 2004.

/s/ Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
Prefect

/s/ Angelus Amato, S.D.B.
Titular Archbishop of Silens
Secretary

Date of notification:_____

/s/ _____ /s/ _____
Signature of presbyter as sign of acceptance Signature of Ordinary

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

DEPARTMENT FOR CLERGY

DEC 09 2004

December 7, 2004

Todd M. Nehls
Sheriff, Dodge County
141 N. Main St.
Juneau, WI 53039

Dear Sheriff Nehls:

I am writing to inform you that Mr. Franklyn William Becker (W/M 7-15-37 of [redacted], Mayville, WI 53050) is a former priest of the Roman Catholic Church, Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I was notified on Friday, November 19, 2004 that he was laicized, (returned to the lay state from the clerical state). He was notified on Monday, December 6, 2004 of his new status.

Mr. Becker has substantiated cases of sexual misconduct involving children. Criminal charges were never brought against Mr. Becker. When they did come to light they were outside of the statute of limitations. He does have a case pending in California stemming from an incident(s) in the 1970's. I don't know the current status of this case but know that the case had been dismissed because California's 1 year exemption from the State's statute of limitations was appealed to the State Supreme Court.

Mr. Becker has been monitored closely since the allegations first came to the attention of the archdiocese. He has complied completely with any and all directives imposed upon him by the archbishop(s). He will not be monitored by members of the archdiocese now that he is no longer a cleric.

I do not anticipate that he would commit any further criminal acts but feel I must notify you of his new status as well as his presence in the community. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at (414)-769-3490.

Sincerely yours,

Very Rev. Curt J. Frederick
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
3501 South Lake Drive
PO Box 070912
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Prot. No. 348/03 - 19853

December 10, 2004

Archbishop Angelo Amato, SDB
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Piazza del S. Uffizio 11
00193 Rome, Italy

Your Excellency·

Enclosed please find the signed and executed decree of dismissal from the clerical state for Franklyn William Becker. The provisions of the decree have been explained and accepted. Out of charity, we are offering some financial assistance for transition needs.

Given the fact that there is general agreement among all areas of the local Christian faithful that someone with Frenklyn Becker's history of sexual abuse of minors should not be able to remain in the celrical state, I do not anticipate any negative reactions to this dismissal. As the cases against him in the State of California unfold, I am convinced that the Congregation's action in this matter will be accepted as a positive measure.

Thank you for your assistance in resolving this serious matter.

With sentiments of esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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December 14, 2004

BY CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Franklyn W. Becker
[redacted]
Mayville WI 53050

RE: Settlement Check

Dear Mr. Becker:

I have been asked by Deacon David L. Zimprich to forward to you the enclosed check in the amount of $10,000.

Very truly yours,

QUARLES & BRADY LLP

John A. Rothstein

JAR:rlw
Enclosure

cc: Deacon David L. Zimprich

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bc: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3339 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008-3687

No. 21.559

This No. Should Be Prefixed to the Answer

December 17, 2004

Dear Ms. Cusack:

I acknowledge your kind letter of December 10, 2004, with enclosure.

Rest assured that the executed decree of dismissal from the clerical state for **Franklyn William Becker** will be duly forwarded through the diplomatic pouch to Archbishop Angelo Amato, SDB, Secretary, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gabriel Montalvo

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo
Apostolic Nuncio

Ms. Barbara Anne Cusack
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
P. O. Box 070912
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

JAN 10 2005

December 29, 2004
Year of the Eucharist

Reverend Patrick R. Lagges
Archdiocese of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Father Lagges,

I am in receipt of your letter of inquiry about insurance coverage for Franklyn Becker to whom you are providing canonical advice. Thank you for your willingness to offer him counsel.

As you are aware, a monetary arrangement has been provided to Franklyn to assist him in transition expenses. In addition, we have tried to assist him in finding health insurance coverage which he could purchase, using some of these funds should he choose to do so. We have been unsuccessful thus far in locating any such coverage. If you are aware of a program that your archdiocese uses, we would be interested in hearing of it.

There may have been some years when, at ordination time, men were told to consider their options regarding signing up for Social Security. However, for at least the past twenty-five years, there have been multiple announcements, every time there was an open enrollment made available, encouraging priests to take advantage of that opportunity. Franklyn apparently ignored that encouragement until very recently. Over the years, therefore, when others were making their self-employed Social Security payments, Franklyn had this additional money available for his own investment for his future needs. Moreover, during the years that Franklin was unassigned and the archdiocese was paying his salary, he also received the "Retirement Savings Supplement." This is an annual amount calculated to match what priests would be paying for Social Security. It is provided regardless of whether or not the priest is actually enrolled in Social Security. Again, we would have anticipated that Franklyn would have invested these funds for his own future needs.

All of us live with the consequences of the decisions we have made, for good and for bad. What Franklyn is facing now is the result of a series of his own decisions. Were a lay employee to be terminated, there would be no assistance at the level Franklyn has experienced. Our financial situation at present does not allow us to consider additional charity on his behalf especially as we face the potential for multi-million dollar settlements in California, some of which will be the direct results of Franklyn's actions.

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Thank you again for your assistance to Franklyn. I do expect that you will inform me of your expenses for this service.

With best wishes during the blessed Christmas season, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Timothy M. Dolan

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee

June 20, 2003

Most Reverend Gabriel Montalvo
Apostolic Nunciature
3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008-3687

Your Excellency:

Enclosed please find a small token of appreciation for your assistance in transmitting materials to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Once again, we are grateful to you for your kindness.

With every best wish for you and your ministry of service, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Barbara Anne Cusack
Chancellor

Franklyn Becker was informed that Pope John Paul II had laicized him, or returned him to the lay state from the clerical state, in December 2004. Upon Becker's notification, Archdiocese of Milwaukee officials contacted Dodge County Sheriff Todd M. Nehls with information regarding Becker's return to the lay state, his past history, and his residence in Dodge County.

The laicization of Franklyn Becker upholds the assurances given by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" that states "Diocesan/eparchial policy will provide that for even a single act of sexual abuse of a minor—past, present, or future—the offending priest or deacon will be permanently removed from ministry, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state, if the case so warrants." The laicization affirms the words of Pope John Paul II that, "There is no place in the priesthood or religious life for those who would harm the young." In 2002 victims advocates groups were insistent that clerics with substantiated reports of sexual abuse of minors be removed from the priesthood.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee placed full restrictions on Becker in April 2002. These restrictions became permanent in July 2002.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has been candid about Becker and there has been substantial media attention about his situation, including:

- In 2002, when he was permanently fully restricted from ministry;
- In 2003, when he was arrested and charged with sexual assault by California law enforcement authorities;
- In July 2004, when the Archdiocese of Milwaukee published a list of diocesan priests, including Becker, who have been restricted from all priestly ministry. This information was distributed to all archdiocesan, parish and school personnel and received widespread media coverage. This list remains available on the Archdiocese of Milwaukee web site (www.archmil.org) and is updated when there are changes to an individual's status. Becker's status on this list was updated following his Vatican-imposed laicization.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has kept its promises and remains committed to working proactively toward resolution of any issues brought to us by victims/survivors of sexual abuse as a minor by diocesan clergy. There is no clergy member with a substantiated report of sexual abuse of a minor in ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Milwaukee Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan is always open to hearing from victims/survivors and others regarding any concern or issue they may have regarding how the Archdiocese of Milwaukee works with victims/survivors of sexual abuse as a minor by diocesan clergy.

January 24, 2005

Reverend Patrick R. Lagges
Archdiocese of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Father Lagges,

Thank you for your input on the translation of the decree of dismissal for Franklyn Becker.

It was precisely in order to exercise my pastoral solicitude for all the people entrusted to my care and to do what could be done to repair the grave scandal his actions caused, that I made the decision to request the dismissal *ex officio et poenam*. I disagree with your interpretation that the decree states that the Archdiocese has a continuing responsibility for his actions. We have taken the steps that are possible to ensure that no harm will come to minors by notification of civil law enforcement and by listing him publicly as an offender. I do not disagree that, as a member of the Christian faithful, Franklyn continues to have a relationship with me. So does every other member of the Catholic Church committed to my care. He does not, however, have the same relationship as a cleric for then dismissal from the clerical state would be an empty act. I have consulted with civil and canonical counsel within and outside the Archdiocese in arriving at these conclusions which vary greatly from yours.

I reiterate my appreciation for your canonical assistance to our priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Timothy M. Dolan

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

CHANCERY

March 19, 2005

[redacted]

Dea[redacted]

Enclosed is a signed copy of the agreement we reached and a check from the trust account. Amy Peterson is working full time at assisting with healing for victims / survivors and is more than willing to have you contact her for any needs which arise. Her direct line is 414-769-3436.

Although it would appear that you were not able to make the meeting with Archbishop Dolan as scheduled, please know that he remains ready and open to meeting with you. Amy can assist you with rescheduling.

Thank you again for engaging in this process. I pray that healing may continue to deepen in your life. May God's peace be with you.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Anne Cusack
Chancellor

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QUARLES & BRADY LLP **TRUST ACCOUNT**

DATE: 03-23-05 PAYEE: [redacted] CHECK #: 40535

DATE	DESCRIPTION	MATTER #	AMOUNT
03/23/05	Check payable to [redacted]	130031.30108	$ 50,000.00

THIS CHECK IS VOID WITHOUT A COLORED BACKGROUND AND AN ARTIFICIAL WATERMARK ON THE BACK - HOLD AT ANGLE TO VIEW

Quarles & Brady LLP

TRUST ACCOUNT
411 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202-4497
Phone 414-277-5000

M&I Marshall & Ilsley Bank
Milwaukee, WI 53201

12-5/750

CHECK NO. 40535

DATE 03-23-05

$** *50,000.00

PAY Fifty Thousand USD and no cents

TO THE ORDER OF [redacted]

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Gregory R. Krueger

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AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

This Agreement and Mutual Release (hereafter "Agreement") is made by and between [redacted] (hereafter "[redacted]") and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of its affiliated entities, schools, and parishes (hereafter "Archdiocese").

[redacted] has brought to the attention of the Archdiocese that he was sexually abused by Franklyn Becker (hereafter "Becker"), a priest of the Archdiocese, when [redacted] was a minor.

[redacted] and the Archdiocese entered into mediation to achieve reconciliation and restoration, to help repair the harm to [redacted] to address issues of concern to [redacted] about prevention of sexual abuse of minors in the future and reformation of Church practices in this regard, and to otherwise resolve and settle all disputes between them.

Accordingly, the parties to this Agreement wish to resolve and satisfy all claims of any nature that [redacted] has against the Archdiocese, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors, affiliates, insurers, and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy and all parishes, schools, and religious orders, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese, arising from the sexual abuse of [redacted] by Becker without the necessity of further proceedings or expense of any nature, and all parties wish to generally release one another from all liability for any claims that may exist to the date of the signing of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, any claims for sexual abuse of [redacted] by Becker.

So, in consideration of the mutual promises made here, and other valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties to this Agreement agree as follows:

1. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [redacted] with $50,000 These funds shall be used at [redacted] own discretion.

2. The Archdiocese agrees to provide payment for the professional services of a counselor, psychologist, psychiatrist and/or other mental health provider as deemed necessary and appropriate for [redacted] and his immediate family members. The Archdiocese shall make payments to the counselor for reasonable costs, billed at the counselor's usual and customary rate. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the Archdiocese's therapy payments owed under this provision shall be based upon treatment plans submitted by the counselor. This payment and reimbursement is limited to medication and therapy expenses relating to injuries suffered as a result of the sexual abuse of [redacted] by Becker.

3. The Archdiocese agrees to arrange a meeting between [redacted] and Archbishop Timothy Dolan at a mutually agreeable time and place.

4. [redacted] and the Archdiocese will each bear their own costs and any attorney's fees associated with the Agreement, and there will be no payment to [redacted] other than that specifically enumerated above.

5 In return for the payment set out above, and for the mutual promises contained herein, [redacted] releases and forever discharges the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors, affiliates, insurers, and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy, and all parishes, schools, and religious orders, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from, and covenants not to sue them for, all claims, causes of action, charges, and demands, whether in

tort, contract, or otherwise, of any nature that he may have had at any time up to and including the date of signing of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any claim of any nature arising from the assault, injury, whether physical or mental, or any other activity by Becker.

6. The Archdiocese hereby releases and forever discharges [redacted] from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any nature that were in existence up to and including the date of the signing of this Agreement.

7. This Agreement supersedes all prior understandings and agreements between the parties, and constitutes the full agreement of the parties. No change to this Agreement shall be enforced against any party unless it is in writing signed by both parties.

8. The undersigned represent and warrant that each has read the foregoing Agreement; had an opportunity to discuss it with a lawyer; and fully understands its terms; voluntarily, freely, and without coercion signs the Agreement; and that Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack is an authorized representative of the Archdiocese and is duly authorized to execute this Agreement and Mutual Release.

[redacted]

Date 3/9/05

Archdiocese of Milwaukee
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

Date 3-17-05

Select Becker Sexual Abuse Intake Reports

7/9/05	Sexual Abuse Intake Report documenting report of abuse by Becker when individual was 8-9 years old in 1965-1966 while a member at Holy Family Parish in Whitefish Bay, WI. Uncertain how many times the abuse occurred. Becker would take the youth camping and fishing. Becker would have him get naked and check him all over, including his genitals, for ticks. Becker also touched his rectum and something was inserted, possibly a finger. Becker also made the youth check him for ticks.
4/25/02	Sexual Abuse Intake Report documenting report of abuse by Becker when individual was 12 years old at Becker's parents' home in 1966. Becker pushed his bed up against the individual's and put his arm around him. Becker tried to fondle the individual.
4/22/10	Sexual Abuse Intake Report documenting report of abuse by Becker when individual was at Holy Family grade school in Whitefish Bay in 1972-1973. Becker took the victim to a hotel and fondled him and on another occasion, the victim was forced to swim naked.
5/14/08	Sexual Abuse Intake Report documenting report of abuse by Becker when individual was 10-11 years old in 1967-1968 at Holy Assumption Parish in West Allis, WI and at Becker's mother's residence. Abuse occurred at least 3 to 4 times and included kissing and Becker touching the individual's genitals.